

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

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

4:00 P.M.

JUNE 6, 2000

PRESENT:

Ted F. Short, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner (arr 4:05p.m.)

Marty Scheuerman, Acting Fire Chief
Sharon Gotchy, 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

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 June 6, 2000, meeting be approved. It was noted that the Board would be adjourning into closed personnel session (Item 5) prior to consideration of the interlocal agreement (Item 4).

00-28F DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON CONSOLIDATION

Acting Fire Chief Marty Scheuerman stated that they have a final agreement, which does include the changes requested by the Board at their last meeting. He also explained other changes that have occurred since that last meeting regarding workers compensation insurance. The Chief stated that the City of Reno approved the agreement earlier today with one clarification due to their concern about being included in any further consolidations. Chairman Short stated that Reno would certainly be included in any regional district that might be formed.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked about the possibility of including language in the contract to address increased labor costs in the event Reno were to re-open nego-

tiations, since the District would have no control over the labor contract. The Chief responded that the Local 731 contract has limited re-openers and they are specifically non-monetary items. Ralph Jaeck, Assistant City Manager, City of Reno, concurred and stated that they have written a very tight contract.

Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, stated that the contract does include language to deal with a material breach of contract, although it would probably not apply to an increase in costs; and that they are trying to force the contract for three years to determine if this is going to work out the way they think it will.

Commissioner Galloway commented that a re-opening of negotiations that resulted in additional costs would not be a material breach unless it is specifically defined as such and suggested that a hold harmless provision might be more appropriate.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he would only be concerned if there was an unreasonable or excessive increase in costs. Chief Scheuerman stated that if something happened that increased costs that much, both entities would probably be in financial trouble and looking for cost-cutting solutions.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the County still has the option of looking at consolidating with other entities, which would also provide an opportunity to terminate this agreement. Chief Scheuerman stated that that is still an option and that the City of Reno was very concerned about that and wanted to make sure that they would also have the ability to participate in any other consolidation. He stated that the City indicated that they were very committed to a regionalization of fire service.

Chairman Short stated that he thinks the County should go to the Legislature to get something crafted that would allow for a regional district.

4:15 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board adjourned into closed personnel session.

4:35 p.m. The Board reconvened in special session with all members present.

00-29F INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – CITY OF RENO – PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES – CONSOLIDATION

Gilbert Cortez, area resident, read a prepared statement into the record concerning Reno's diversity program and the hiring of minorities in the Fire Department as well as all the other departments, stating that their program is nothing but a smoke screen.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried on a 3 to 2 vote with Commissioners Short and Galloway

voting “no,” it was ordered that the interlocal agreement between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno concerning provision of fire services be approved, contingent upon the labor contract being approved and ratified by both employee groups and both entities, and Chairman Short be authorized to execute.

Commissioners Galloway and Short explained their reasons for not supporting the contract, with their main issue being that the unincorporated residents have no representation on the Reno City Council.

Commissioners Bond, Shaw and Sferrazza explained why they are in support of the contract.

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 at 4:53 p.m.

TED F. SHORT, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
