

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

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

MARCH 20, 2001

PRESENT:

**Jim Shaw, Chairman**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman**  
**Joanne Bond, Commissioner**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**

**Roy Slate, Division Chief**  
**Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Maureen Griswold, Legal Counsel**

ABSENT:

**Ted F. Short, Commissioner**

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 Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the March 20, 2001, meeting be approved.

**01-15F      REPORT OF OPERATIONS**

Chief Slate presented the monthly report of operations. On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the report be acknowledged.

**01-16F      REPORT – VOLUNTEER & AUXILLIARY OPERATIONS**

Chief Slate stated they have identified some radio communication problems in the Truckee Canyon, especially with volunteers living in the Painted Rock area; and Chief Scheuerman is working on a resolution.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the industrial development in Storey County will increase the load on Washoe County's firefighters and volunteers. Chief Slate responded that it absolutely will, and his understanding is the developers are

working with the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) looking at constructing a fire station and providing some funds for staffing in the Tracy-Clark area. Washoe County would continue to be a secondary resource in that area, which will increase the call load.

Commissioner Bond asked if NDF provides structural coverage. Chief Slate stated they do.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that she has contacted Storey County to schedule a time for the two counties to get together to talk about this. Chief Slate stated that Chief Scheuerman is talking to Storey County about the mutual aid agreement.

In response to Commissioner Bond, Chief Slate stated the complex will have hydrants and a private water system.

In response to Chairman Shaw, Chief Slate advised that the brochures for new recruitments are currently being reviewed, but applications are coming in.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the Volunteer and Auxiliary Operations Report be acknowledged.

**01-17F      HALF YEAR REPORT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FOR FY 00/01**

Chief Slate presented a half-year status report on plans and expenditures on the fiscal year 2000/01 Capital Improvements Projects (CIP). He stated the CIP budget was originally put together on the premise that the District would not consolidate with the City of Reno, and, since consolidation did occur, this budget is continually being revised.

Commissioner Bond asked about the expansion of the old station in Sun Valley stating it is a prime piece of property to be used as a warehouse. Chief Slate stated they have not yet determined what to do with that property and the expansion plans are currently on hold. He stated one of the ideas currently being discussed is to sell this property and use the proceeds, as well as the funds set aside for expansion, for the Cold Springs station.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the half year CIP report for FY 00/01 be acknowledged.

**01-18F            APPOINTMENT – KAFOURY, ARMSTRONG & CO. – AUDITOR  
FOR FY 00/01**

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. be appointed as auditors for the District for fiscal year 2000/01 and that Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the Letter of Understanding.

**01-19F            JOINT FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2001  
– REPORT**

Commissioner Bond reported that she was not able to attend the January 11, 2001 Joint Fire Advisory Board Meeting and there was no quorum present. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if there are alternates for that board, and, if not, whether someone should be appointed. Commissioner Bond stated she would bring that up at the next Joint Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Singlaub stated the matter should be agendized for discussion on a future agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Dehne, a Reno citizen, discussed an anti-gambling pill and stated the elected officials should be looking into that. He further stated it is time to put a stop to the railroad trench scheme and cancel the taxes.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bond asked Chief Slate to get back to her on the situation at the Lemmon Valley Fire Station. She also stated she has heard the Cold Springs Volunteers are very unhappy with consolidation.

Commissioner Galloway suggested taking Dispatchers out in the field to help them become more familiar with the area and to help promote better understanding and relieve some of the tension.

Commissioner Bond announced that there will be an Open House at the Dispatch Center and encouraged her fellow Board members to attend.

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

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**JAMES M. SHAW**, Chairman  
Truckee Meadows Fire  
Protection District

**ATTEST:**

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**AMY HARVEY**, Washoe County Clerk  
and Ex Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows  
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared By  
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