

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

TUESDAY

1:30 P.M.

APRIL 24, 2001

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman (1:37 pm)
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner (1:40 pm)
Ted F. Short, Commissioner

Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations
Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Maureen Griswold, 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 Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the April 24, 2001, special meeting be approved.

01-24F PROPOSAL – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT –
CONSTRUCT FIRE STATION ON DISTRICT PROPERTY IN
PALOMINO VALLEY

Chief Marty Scheuerman stated staff is seeking authorization to explore the proposal from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to construct a fire station on 2+ acres of District-owned property in Palomino Valley just beyond the site of Station 29. He displayed a plot map on the overhead and stated there is room to construct the type of station proposed on the parcel, but several things need to be examined to determine if the idea is feasible, such as the septic system, the well, whether the zoning is appropriate, and applying for a special use permit. Chief Scheuerman stated funds have become available to the BLM that could be used for this project, but they have a fairly tight timeframe to make a decision. He explained that collocation makes sense because infrastructure can be shared, and responded to several questions from Board members.

Leonard Wehking, BLM Carson City District Fire Management Officer, stated they were planning to construct a station in the Palomino Valley area in 2003, but special funds for wildland fires have become available and a site must be selected. He

stated the best deal for the taxpayers is to collocate with Truckee Meadows, especially since they work so closely together in this area. Mr. Wehking advised that some of their questions that need to be resolved are whether the TMFPD Fire Commissioners would agree to collocation and would a 99-year lease be the best way to accomplish that, would they need an additional well, would they need additional infrastructure, sewer, septic, etc.

Commissioner Bond stated they need to take the issue to the Citizens Advisory Board and get the community involved, but she does not believe there would be any problems. She stated her belief that collocation would be good for the community and encouraged the Chief to work with the BLM to resolve all the issues and come up with an agreement.

Legal Counsel Maureen Griswold suggested a Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties so that both parties could outline their expectations through the planning process.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff be directed to work with the BLM concerning their proposal to construct a fire station on District-owned property in Palomino Valley and to draft an interlocal agreement between the District and the BLM for collocation of facilities on the property to be brought back to the Board for final approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Kearns, area resident, expressed his support of the proposal.

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

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

Minutes Prepared By
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