

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

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 17, 2002

PRESENT:

**Pete Sferrazza, Chairman**  
**Jim Galloway, Commissioner**  
**Ted Short, Commissioner**

**Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations**  
**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Jim Barnes, Legal Counsel**

ABSENT:

**Joanne Bond, Vice Chairman**  
**Jim Shaw, 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 Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the agenda for the December 17, 2002 regular meeting be approved.

**MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2002 be approved.

**02-68F      REPORT OF OPERATIONS - NOVEMBER 2002**

Following review and discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the Report of Operations for November 2002 be accepted.

**02-69F**            **REPORT ON VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY OPERATIONS -  
NOVEMBER 2002**

Following review and discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the Report on Volunteer/Auxiliary Operations for November 2002 be accepted.

**02-70F**            **ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANTS -  
NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY - EXPENDITURE  
AUTHORIZATION - TRAINING VIDEOS**

Upon recommendation of Division Chief Roy Slate, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants issued by the Nevada Division of Forestry in the amount of \$12,000 be accepted. It was further ordered that the expenditure of \$23,386.58 for the purchase of training videos for the volunteer fire stations be authorized.

**02-71F**            **PURCHASE OF THREE PRE-OWNED PICKUPS**

In regard to the recommendation that the District purchase three pre-owned light-duty vehicles, Division Chief Roy Slate explained the Fire Department is trying to obtain General Motors products in order to standardize the fleet, which would assist in keeping maintenance costs down. He stated they are looking for pre-owned half-ton Chevrolet or GMC pickup trucks.

Chairman Sferrazza expressed concern regarding buying used vehicles and using Internet Auto as the vendor because it appears Internet Auto has been used by the City of Reno on several occasions. He also stated the difference between new and used vehicles is only \$2,000.

Chief Slate stated he researched the State of Nevada Purchasing Department bid for these types of vehicles to get the State's prices. He then went to the used car lots to see if he could get better prices, which he did. He said Internet Auto was the only dealer who stated they could provide better prices. Chief Slate stated the vehicles are in good shape; he was able to drive them; and he was able to have Department mechanics check the vehicles.

Commissioner Galloway asked how many miles the District would be able to get out of these vehicles. Chief Slate explained they are trying to coordinate with the City's vehicle replacement program, which is eight to twelve years for light-duty vehicles. Commissioner Galloway asked whether the used vehicles have any kind of warranty or service policy included. Chief Slate stated any remaining manufacturer's warranty would be included. He further stated Reno City Council has requested they get

the extended warranty on used vehicles purchased for the City, which he was able to obtain for approximately \$800 on a recent purchase.

Chairman Sferrazza stated he would rather buy new for such a minimal difference. Chief Slate stated they are trying to stretch the dollars as far as possible given the current fiscal situation. Commissioner Galloway stated he would like to see more information on purchasing new vehicles. Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations, stated they would be able to get more options on the vehicles by purchasing used. Commissioner Galloway stated that is even more reason to have a bid specification so the Board can compare the vehicles accurately.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, suggested staff needs to provide more detailed information to the Board members.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Bond and Shaw absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the purchase of three pre-owned pickups be continued until staff provides a more detailed comparison of used versus new vehicles, including pricing, optional equipment, warranties, and expected useful life.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S/ CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations, advised the District has the potential for receiving a \$200,000 grant from the Fire Act for the purchase of SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus); and they are holding off on the purchase of the equipment that was approved in November until they know for sure about the grant funds. If the grant is awarded, and with the District's matching funds, they would be able to do a total replacement and bring everybody up to the same standard.

Commissioner Galloway suggested the District donate the old equipment to a worthy recipient. Chief Scheuerman stated he would contact Washoe County Emergency Management to coordinate that with them.

Commissioner Galloway noted the Silver Knolls Volunteer Fire Station expansion project may be approximately \$60,000 short and asked if there might be any grant funding available for that. Chief Scheuerman stated he would check into that.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, commended Commissioner Galloway for his adamant stance opposing the proposed floodwall project downtown Reno.

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

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**PETER J. SFERRAZZA**, 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:  
Sharon Gotchy, Deputy County Clerk*