

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

SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

NOVEMBER 9, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner*

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, 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:

04-68F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the November 9, 2004 special meeting be approved.

4:21 p.m. Commissioner Humke arrived.

**04-69F AWARD OF BID – COLD SPRINGS FIRE STATION – SHAVER
CONSTRUCTION – PUBLIC WORKS**

This was the time to consider the award of the bid for the Cold Springs Fire Station for the Public Works Department. The project was advertised on September 8, 10, and 15, 2004.

Bids were received from the following:

Bison Construction
Central Sierra Construction

Northern Sierra Construction
Shaver Construction

In response to Commissioner Weber, Marty Scheuerman, Chief of Operations, said the bids were right in the ballpark of the anticipated amount.

In response to Chairman Shaw, Roger Van Alyne, Capital Projects Division Director, said station completion is expected by next fall, but that depends on the actual start date.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Van Alyne, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the bid for construction of the Cold Springs Fire Station be awarded to the low, responsive, responsible bidder Shaver Construction in the amount of \$2,069,000 and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

**COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEF'S/DIVISION CHIEF'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR
AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Galloway congratulated Chief Scheuerman and Gary Neilson on their appointments as rotating Acting Fire Chief.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said she met with the Reno City Manager, and some procedures were outlined for the Board to provide a suggested appointment to the Community Assessment Panel. She said it was also proposed the Chief finalists be reviewed by the Joint Fire Advisory Board, and these proposals were consistent with the City of Reno's Civil Service plan. Commissioner Humke said that it would be bizarre if the only input the County had was the millions of tax dollars paid by the County to support the Fire Department, and Ms. Singlaub said that was the argument she presented to the Reno City Manager.

Commissioner Weber asked when the next joint meeting would be, and Chief Scheuerman replied he believed it was December 20th, but there is a special meeting next Tuesday. Commissioner Weber said these meetings were not happening for whatever reason and per the by-laws they were supposed to be held quarterly. Chief Scheuerman said if the December meeting date was changed, he would let everyone know.

In response to Commissioner Weber, Ms. Singlaub replied the fire issues summit is being worked on, but no date has been scheduled. She suggested it be on a County Commission agenda because it also involves the Sheriff's Office and others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Schmidt, local resident, spoke on the Andrew Lane fire and the residents being denied access to their homes even though the fire was an hour or two away. He said the greatest tragedy of the day was the further degradation of basic civil liberties such as freedom of choice, self-reliance and determination. Mr. Schmidt said the right to take reasonable risk to protect one's own property was denigrated and defamed by officials that day.

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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

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