

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

FEBRUARY 14, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Roy Slate, Division Chief

ABSENT:

Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman

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:

06-06F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the February 14, 2006 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, spoke about the one-minute time limit for public comment and the importance of televising the Airport Authority meetings.

Katherine Snedigar, local resident, said she was opposed to the County restricting where citizens could live within Washoe County.

Juanita Cox, Sparks resident, discussed the World Bank Water Policy paper. She said there was a conspiracy to steal the public's water, and Nevada was the biggest target because people owned their water.

06-07F VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY REPORT – JANUARY 2006

Roy Slate, Division Chief, stated the plans for the Cold Springs Fire Station addition were to be submitted to the Building Department on February 21, 2006.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Volunteer/Auxiliary Report for January 2006 be accepted.

06-08F PURCHASE – MOHAWK MOBILE LIFTING COLUMNS

Commissioner Galloway asked about the costs and other bids for the Mohawk Mobile Lifting Columns.

Roy Slate, Division Chief, commented the cost was slightly higher than expected; and he clarified there was only one bid received for the mobile lifting columns.

Upon recommendation of Chief Slate, through Paul Wagner, Fire Chief, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the purchase of Mohawk Mobile Lifting Columns from Midstate Automotive Equipment Company, based on Washoe County Invitation to Bid No. 2514-06 in the amount of \$39,897.18, be approved.

**06-09F FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 60 – INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, clarified the Board of Fire Commissioners were required to endorse the first reading and move it forward to the Board of County Commissioners.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Ms. Foster explained the procedure was to bring the code changes before the Commissioners in both their roles and ask that the changes be adopted and endorsed by the Board of Fire Commissioners and then as the Board of County Commissioners. She added this procedure was followed in order for it to be codified in the Washoe County Code. She noted the County Clerk would complete the reading and assign a bill number during the County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Galloway inquired when the ordinance would take effect upon approval and adoption.

David Mills, Reno Fire Department Captain, verified the adoption date would be set for March 14, 2006, and the District was aiming for an April 1, 2006 effective date.

Commissioner Galloway asked about the fees that were a part of the ordinance, and Captain Mills confirmed the amendments included fees.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the District Attorney could look into a modification of the ordinance to prevent some of the unforeseen problems the County had experienced in the past.

Captain Mills clarified the District enforced the document on the day a person made application for their plans. He commented, if a project was in the pipeline, previously adopted codes and ordinances could be used to prevent them from having to redesign their plan. He confirmed the Fire Marshall or the Building Official would make the decision depending upon the code, and he acknowledged the District looked at situations on a case-by-case basis. He verified this language was already in the nationally adopted codes and standards.

Ms. Foster commented the 2003 version of the Uniform Fire Code was being adopted. She said many design professionals and contractors had possibly worked with the updated code in other jurisdictions. She recognized this had been in the works for a length of time, and it followed on the City of Reno's adoption. She noted the County and the City desired to do as much as possible to make sure the codes were the same. Ms. Foster stated the uniform codes contained the type of language that made sure no one would be caught in a situation that they could not move forward with their project. She agreed to look at the language; and, if it was not sufficient, she would come back with proposed alterations to make it more lenient than what currently existed.

Commissioner Galloway said he would support moving it forward to introduction with a possible change of more leniency as to the effective date in certain hardship cases, per the discretion of the District Attorney. He stated he would feel more comfortable asking for the effective date to be 90 days after adoption of the ordinance, and Captain Mills agreed.

Juanita Cox, Sparks resident, commented on the various fees and said she would like better definitions of the items listed in the ordinance.

Commissioner Humke asked if it was agreed by contract to pass ordinances such as this when fire services were consolidated. Chief Slate replied it was not part of the contract. He said for many years the City and the County had endeavored to adopt codes that were as close as possible.

County Manager Katy Singlaub remarked staff was working on the building and safety component in order to provide greater consistency in the codes. She said the Fire Code mirrored what had been done with the Building Code.

COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEF'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Larkin requested the two-minute time limit be set for public comment and all other items on future District agendas; and Roy Slate, Division Chief, concurred.

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

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lori Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*