

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

MARCH 14, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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

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:

06-10F AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katherine Snedigar, local resident, stated the surety signed on the Commissioners' Oaths of Office did not provide immunity from being sued in a private capacity for not obeying the Constitution and overstepping the Nevada Revised Statutes. She alleged the Commissioners did not sign the official oath.

Juanita Cox, local resident, addressed how the Board continually set up rules and regulations that benefited the World Bank, and she discussed the ramifications of the World Bank's water policy.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, asked that the substance of his comments from the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District (SFFPD) meeting be included under this item. At that meeting he introduced himself as a victim of the Andrew Lane fire. He alleged this body had failed to address citizen concerns about the fire, especially Commissioner Humke. He said the Board had promised a review, which never occurred. He discussed the problems he perceived happened during the fire. This concluded Mr. Schmidt's comments made during the SFFPD meeting. He continued his comments under

TMFPD public comment by stating what little confidence the citizens had in law enforcement and fire protection went up in smoke during the Andrew Lane fire. He alleged there had been no reaction to hundreds of complaints. He feared there would be a complete breakdown in regulation and control of the public during another event where structures, family members and pets were threatened. This could lead to violence and that violence would be the Board's responsibility for failing to act.

**06-11F RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDING
WCC CHAPTER 60 – ADOPTING 2003 EDITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

4:15 p.m. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on March 3, 2006 to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1467 during the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

The Chairman opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak on this item.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, confirmed action should be taken on this Ordinance during the Board of County Commissioner's public hearing at 5:30 p.m. She said this was noticed for this meeting as a public hearing and this Board should recommend adoption of the Ordinance and approval of the Business Impact Statement by the Board of County Commissioners.

There was no response to the call for public comments.

Commissioner Galloway stated, on the advice of Legal Counsel, the latitude given to the fire authorities was adequate to address any condition of hardship. He felt as a safeguard he would like to make this effective 90 days from adoption.

Ms. Foster requested it be effective July 1, 2006. Commissioner Galloway replied that was fine because the additional time would allow getting some publicity out on this and might mean having to deal with fewer hardships.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Ordinance Amending Chapter 60 of the Washoe County Code by adopting the 2003 Edition of the International Fire Code with Amendments be recommended for approval on a date certain of July 1, 2006 along with the Business Impact Statement related to the proposed amendment to Washoe County Code, Chapter 60.

06-12F

ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF GRANT, BARGAIN AND SALE DEED – LEMMON VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – PORTION OF APN 080-281-02

Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, said finding land suitable for rebuilding the Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire station had been in the works since 1996/97. He stated the only suitable land was the location of the current station because the volunteers wanted to stay in the same area. He said there had been an issue with Washoe County Code, but it appeared a suitable alternative had been found until this morning.

Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, said there was a problem with not being able to put septic on both sides of the parcel if it was split into two. He requested the agenda item be pulled until this could be sorted out.

In response to Commissioner Weber, Chief Scheuerman suggested it should be continued and stated there might be some alternatives.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the acceptance and execution of a Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed between the Lemmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department as “Grantor” and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District as “Grantee” for a portion of APN 080-281-02 to construct a new fire station in Lemmon Valley be continued.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the problem was that the portion of the parcel was too small to have septic and was there any anticipated sewer service. Mr. Gadd replied the portion was too small, and there was a developer across the street that would potentially bring in sewer that could be tied into. He said staff had not had an opportunity to explore the possibility because these developments occurred this morning.

06-13F

PURCHASE – NEW VEHICLE – CHEVROLET TAHOE 5.3 CK10706

Upon recommendation of Brent Swearingen, Division Chief, through Paul Wagner, Fire Chief, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the purchase of a new vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe 5.3 CK10706) in the amount of \$30,945 through a joinder in State of Nevada Bid No. PUR0000102 be approved.

COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEF'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regarding Commissioner Galloway’s request to surplus equipment, Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, said the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department would be glad to offer the State anything being surplus out before offering it to the general public.

Chief Scheuerman announced Chief Slate was no longer with the Department, and he introduced Chief Tim Alameda. He said Chief Alameda would be taking over some of Chief Slate's duties including working with the volunteers.

Commissioner Galloway invited Chief Alameda to the West Truckee Meadows Citizens Advisory Board meetings. He said the next meeting would be on April 10th. Chief Alameda replied he would be there.

Chief Scheuerman said there was no volunteer report this month because of the transition.

Chairman Larkin invited Chief Alameda out to Wadsworth.

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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
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*