



LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 4, 2013
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Trustees

Paul Mathews
Kevin Phillips
Adam Katschke
Paul Donohue
Ed Higbee

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Higbee called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

PRESENT: ADAM KATSCHKE
PAUL DONOHUE
ED HIGBEE
PAUL MATHEWS
KEVIN PHILLIPS

LISA LLOYD, Clerk
RICK STEVER, Fire Chief

There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 10-29-13 to comply with the open meeting law.

#2-PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed called for public comment. None offered.

#3-MINUTES

Paul M. made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Kevin. All voted in favor.

#4-FIRE CHIEF UPDATE

Rick reported that two weeks ago the bid opening for the Eagle Valley fire station was held. The bids came in over the \$50,000 mark. Bids were canceled and it's been advertised. Another bid opening will take place on 11-8 in order to follow proper procedures and requirements. The fire cooperators' meeting was held; NFS, NDF, BLM, and National Parks were present to discuss various fire related concerns and projects.

#5-VOUCHERS

Paul D. made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Adam. All voted in favor.

#6-EAGLE VALLEY LAND SURVEY

Rick advised that Tuffy Ranches, Seeno Brothers, had the land surveyed. There was a discrepancy with the parties; Lenard has worked to clean up the issue with them. Rick was approached about contributing to the survey and he'd like to see resolution so the property can be obtained. There are two other private individuals involved with the land survey. Total bill was \$3,000 and Rick isn't certain how much the Board would like to pay. One of the private party owners has indicated he's willing to pay a portion of the cost. Adam would like to see the expense split equally three ways. **Adam made a motion to approve the payment of \$1,000 to Lenard Smith Surveying for services rendered on the Eagle Valley fire station land; seconded by Paul M.** Paul D. asked if each person is being assessed an equal portion of the costs was fair. Rick stated that the county isn't gaining land; this discrepancy has existed for many years. The county is actually giving up land to straighten this issue out. **All voted in favor.**

#7-PAHRANAGAT VALLEY FIRE

PV Fire is asking for funds to help purchase a new ambulance. PV Fire and Ambulance fall under one title and they're having problems with their ambulances. The engine has blown up in their good ambulance and their second ambulance has issues. Paul D. suggested a loan scenario from LCFD be considered. PV is very active and they take a lot of car accidents that are outside of their responsibility and district but they go anyway. Ed agreed that a short term loan to repair the blown engine is a good idea. Paul M. brought up the legal requirements to do a short term loan. If we don't have the funds budgeted it causes issues. Even if the funds are budgeted there are several other requirements that will have to be met. Rick advised that he has money in

his budget. If the loan doesn't work out or they don't want to accept it, is there another avenue to take? Firstly, the Board will need to ask if they're interested. Second, is the county then competing against local institutions for the loan? The Board also needs to identify whether or not there are funds available. Paul M. stated that the Board can write a check ASAP if the funds are available and they can pay it back in one lump if possible. There are several questions that will need to be discussed and solved. A budget augmentation will also have to be done. Paul D. reminded the Board that we need to make sure that PV doesn't have funds sitting somewhere that they can use for this. Rick stated he didn't get the impression that they have any funds available. PV is exploring other options and this is just one of those that was brought up. PV is talking to banks about loans and they've mentioned CDBG. PV is exploring all available options to solve the critical need of an ambulance. Paul M. stated that short term versus long term needs to be explored and written out so the county understands how the money will be paid back. **Paul M. made a motion to allow Rick to enter into negotiations with PV Fire and bring back specifics; seconded by Paul D. All voted in favor.**

#8- PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed called for public comment. None offered.

#9-ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend, Ed adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

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