



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021

Public Budget Hearing – Commissioner Fox called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:00p.m.via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Cople and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Budget Resolution 2021-02 EMS Levy - Chief Halverson presented the Commissioners with EMS Levy Budget Resolution 2021-02.

A motion to approve the **Regular EMS Levy Resolution 2021-02** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

Budget Resolution 2021-03 Expense Levy - Chief Halverson presented the Commissioners with the Regular Expense Levy Budget Resolution 2021-03.

A motion to approve the **Regular Expense Levy Resolution 2021-03** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously

The Commissioners reviewed the Certification and authorized District Secretary, Cathy Barth to sign the Budget Certification.

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:04 p.m. the meeting of the Board of Commissioners came to order at 7:04 p.m.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public/Staff Comments – Ms. Chase commented that she was really looking forward to seeing the sketch of the painting for the new station. She added that she likes the idea of the artwork and a memorial for the fallen district firefighter being incorporated into the piece. She suggested a community fund raiser for the purchase of the artwork, she felt it might be a good way to include the public in the project. Commissioner Fox thought this was a good idea.

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of October 25, 2021, as amended, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of **\$121,738.75** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0520 through 0575 and totaling **\$211,948.48** as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Cople, and passed unanimously. Voucher number 0519 was used to remove election costs from the budget.



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Consent Items – continued

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0101 through 0111 and totaling \$294,190.21 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign the payroll and vouchers for this month.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Secretary's Report – District Secretary Cathy Barth, reported that she and Assistant Secretary Lynene Young, had recently attended a Snure Seminar and the State Auditor BARS manual update webinar. She also attended a webinar held by MRSC about creating a diverse work place and inclusive hiring practices. The material from each of the sessions was very informative.

Old Business – Commissioner Fox inquired about the ALS program. Chief Halverson reported that the program is moving forward. He added that he would like to advertise for Medics. Commissioner Geiger stated that he would like to see some numbers before we go that far and then a vote on the process. Commissioner Fox agreed that seeing the numbers in the Cushman model would be a good idea. The Chief said that the model will be presented at the next Board meeting. Commissioner Geiger inquired if it would be possible for a Labor group representative and Ms. Chase, as our incoming Commissioner, to sit in on the interview process. Perhaps allow Ms. Chase to ask a few questions and get her feedback at the end of the interviews. Commissioner Fox would like to ask Kirk Kreiling from Strategic Government Resources if this is allowable. Commissioner Geiger offered to contact Ms. Chase and a Labor representative to see if they would be available.

New Business –

Trusted Annual Health plan Renewal – Commissioner Geiger asked that research into the cost of a basic life insurance for part time and volunteers be looked into by June of 2022.

A motion to authorize Commissioner Fox to sign the Trusted Annual Health Plan application was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Surplus of Motorola Radios – List attached.

A motion to approve the **surplus of the radios** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox read the thank you note that was sent by Patricia Fox.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox stated that he was looking forward to getting an Assistant Chief onboard and excited to have our first meeting in the new station. Thank you to all for making that happen over the last 16 to 17 years.

Commissioner Geiger echoed the above comments. He offered his well wishes to Patricia and thanks for the thank you note as well as his thanks to the crews. He also stated that he was looking forward to the interviews and the process. It looks like we have some good candidates it will be a hard decision.



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Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary