

JCFPD #4 COMMISSIONERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Garrison at 7:00 pm. Those present were Commissioners Ken McEdwards and Meril Smith, Chief Bob Herbst, Secretary Peggy Ware, Bill Linden, Dawn Audette, and Jim Boldt.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting as mailed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Workshop as mailed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The January 31, 2008 Financial Report was presented to the Commissioners by Secretary Peggy Ware.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the January 31, 2008 Financial Report. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 4th Quarter/Final Budget Report was presented by Secretary Peggy Ware. Total Budget of \$273,193.88, expenditures year to date \$254,325.70, leaving an ending balance of \$18,868.18.

Vouchers of \$27,488.99 presented to Commissioners. Transfer of funds will be \$27,488.99 from the Investment Account into the Cash Account.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the transfer of funds of \$27,488.99, and to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$27,488.99. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the February 5, 2008 payroll in the amount of \$7,279.71. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chief's Report/Ambulance Report was presented by Chief Bob Herbst.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Herbst read the Second Reading of Appendix 1420A adding "Volunteer Ambulance and Firefighters Association President" to the agenda after the Chief's Report.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the change to Appendix 1420A.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Garrison signed the document.

Chief Herbst read the Second Reading of Policy 2801, Volunteer Membership Requirements dropping the minimum response requirements for support staff.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to approve the change to Policy 2801 Volunteer Membership Requirements. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Garrison signed the policy.

Chief Herbst read the First Reading of Policy 2860, Volunteer Reimbursement, Relief and Pension Policy. The revision is regarding volunteer points and payments. Commissioner McEdwards said that he might have comments later, but he was in agreement to accepting this as first reading.

The Commissioners accepted this as First Reading of Policy 2860, Volunteer Reimbursement, Relief and Pension.

Chief Herbst reported that the last time ambulance rates had been reviewed and adjusted was in June of 2003. Chief Herbst read a recommendation to raise the ambulance rates to: BLS transport \$400.00, ALS 1 transport \$575.00, ALS 2 transport \$650.00, and Mileage \$12.00 per mile.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Chief Herbst's recommendation for new ambulance rates with an effective date of March 1, 2008. Commissioner McEdwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Commissioners set the date for the Levy Workshop next month on March 12, 2008 at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Herbst reported that Fire District #2 and Fire District #5 are still refusing to sign the EMS Special Agency Interlocal Agreement. Apparently Jefferson County Fire Commissioners and Secretaries Association President Robert Pontius has talked to other Fire Commissioners and has proposed a Memorandum of Understanding that would give both Fire District #1 and Fire District #2 permanent seats on the Finance Board. The third position would be filled by the President of the Jefferson County Fire Commissioners and Secretaries Association. If the Association President happened to be from Fire District #1 or Fire District #2, the third seat would be filled by the Association with a Fire Commissioner from Fire District #3, Fire District #4, or Fire District #5. Chief Herbst recommends giving each Fire District an equal seat on the Finance Board with a total board of 5 Commissioners. Basically, the Finance Board negotiates contracts for the MPD, Training Coordinator and EMS Secretary, and they sign the monthly vouchers.

Commissioner Garrison said that he doesn't agree with Fire District #2 having a permanent seat, but he does not want to drag this issue out any longer.

The MPD, Training Coordinator and EMS Secretary contracts are for a two year period, and they need to be negotiated now.

Chief Herbst will be turning over the EMS Council Chair to Willie Knoepfle.

The Jefferson County Fire Commissioners and Secretaries Association will meet on the 21st, so the EMS Memorandum of Understanding will be tabled until next month.

During Public Comment, Bill Linden asked if the new ambulance rates would be publicized?

Chief Herbst responded that we have never publicized rates in the past, and that we don't know of any Fire Districts that do. We could post them on the website.

Commissioner McEdwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Ware
District Secretary