



explained that it is the County boundary, but we have a mutual aid agreement to assist with calls east of the County line.

Fire Contracts: Chief explained that we currently have two. The first is a private residence off of Butler Rd, in the Lone Pine area. The reason for this is the only access to his property is through our fire District. They pay the regular Fire District rate of 1.59 per thousand on assessed value on the property. The second one is with Ochoco Christian Conference Center. It was historically Mt. Bachelor Academy and CCFR had a contract for service with them while they were in operation. This establishment falls in an area that is unprotected for structure fire response, but does receive wildland fire response from ODF. The board approved this contract due to the high life safety issue with a facility like that. Chief stated we are not unique in this, many districts throughout Central Oregon have agreements that are similar. Chief reviewed the rangeland protection agencies and the response in Crook County. Merrill asked where the rangeland association meets, Brummer stated many times its in Post or Paulina.

Auto Aid: Chief stated that Auto Aid is an agreement that we have entered into that is above mutual aid. This agreement attempts to dispatch two, or three, agencies at the same time. The majority of these areas are in Powell Butte on the west side of the Fire District. This agreement impacts both structural and EMS responses. This agreement improves protection in the event one agency is unavailable due to other calls. Chief Smith stated that he and the Redmond Fire Chief, Tim Moore, recently met with West Powell Butte Estates and reviewed this issue with the home owners. We reciprocate response with responses into their district as well. Merrill asked if there was any financial reciprocity. Chief stated there is not because it is a mutual agreement that goes both ways.

#### SDAO Best Practices:

Chief stated that we provide insurance through SDIS and it offers a ten percent discount if we complete certain things every year. This SDAO Best Practices is part of that. Chief reviewed the list of requirements that are put out each year to receive the discount. It has several categories and the District has either accomplished or is working toward each category. The District anticipates completing this again this year and receiving the ten percent discount. It is a requirement per the survey that this is presented to the Board each year.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Letter from Brian Huber, County Assessor. This is essentially a forecast for revenue increases or decreases for the coming year. Last year he projected a 6% growth and it actually came in at 5.5%. His explanation was there was some late changes from the Oregon Department of Revenue that changed the classification or assessment on several large land parcels. Russ reviewed the central assessment process on how large industrial (i.e. solar farms) would or will be assessed. Chief reviewed the rest of this report and stated that it was sent out to all of the taxing districts. Ultimately the total change was 11 million dollars of taxable value in the County. Chief reviewed how property taxes are structured in Oregon and what impacts compression would have on our revenue.

Quarterly Reports: Chief reviewed the line items in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report.

Bills: Dean walked the board through the bills.

Motion: Lent

Second: Brummer

Vote: unanimous

**Public Comment:**

Chad Grogan read a letter drafted by Crook County Firefighters Association, Local 5115, and handed out a hard copy to each Board member. Dean said the board will take the letter under advisement and will get back to the Union.

**Executive Session**

Jim Dean closed the Public Meeting and opened the executive session by reading ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

**Jim Dean reopened the Public Meeting****Good or Order:**

Lent has concern with the last paragraph of the Union letter in which they state that they feel that there is no communication between the Chief and the Board. Steve stated that his opinion is that is an extreme error and is not reflective of his experience. Lent wants to know how to express that to them. Chief explained that he and Dean will put the agenda together and the board can request to have that discussion put on the agenda. All the other board members stated they felt the same and wanted to respond to the other questions in the letter.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:26****Respectively Submitted:**

Russ Deboodt

Jim Dean