

# CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:00 am on May 21, 2020.

Board members present were Steve Lent, Gary Abrams. Board members present by Zoom were Dennis Merrill and George Ponte. Jerry Brummer was absent.

Staff present was Chief Matt Smith, Chief Dave Pickhardt, Chief Russ Deboodt, Chief Jerimiah Kenfield and Paula Landrus.

Mike Wright, Larry Long and Marilyn Applegate attended by Zoom.

On duty crew present was Jared Brown and Jordan Fanning.

## MINUTES

Dennis Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes from April 16, 2020. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Matt Smith introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Joran Fanning to the Board.

## OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 District Update- Chief Matt Smith gave an update on COVID 19. The stations are still closed to the public and will remain closed. We have PPE for the crews to wear on calls. The crews are doing temperature checks every morning. We are following the CDC guidelines.

Radio and SCBA Purchase- Chief Pickhardt stated that we received the new SCBA'S. Chief Pickhardt gave a demonstration of the new SCBA'S. The new digital radio system is not installed yet. We are switching from VHF to digital. We purchased mobile and portable radios. Each apparatus will have the new mobile radio system and everyone will be trained on the digital system.

Budgeted Reserve Transfers- Chief Matt Smith stated each budget year we budget money to be transferred into the reserve accounts. We make that transfer at the end of the budget year. We received \$30,000 through the Cares Act Program. We put that money into the Capital Project Fund and purchased two lucas devices. We had appropriated money in that fund for a FEMA Grant that we did not receive.

Gary Abrams made a motion to approve the purchase of two lucas devices with the Cares Act money. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Smith stated that we budgeted \$250,000 to the EMS Reserve Fund and \$200,000 to the Station Building Reserve Fund. Due to the crisis with COVID 19, Chief Smith stated he would like to transfer \$50,000 into the Station Building Reserve Fund. The money not transferred, will be cash carry forward for next year. In the packet is a Future Growth and Needs document. The growth has had a noted impact on Crook County Fire & Rescue. Specifically, the growth has increased the risk that the Fire District must prepare for and is causing the district to re-define response area service levels based on community need. The Board discussed the Future Growth and Needs document.

The Board discussed the Long Term Financial document in the packet. Chief Smith explained the revenue vs expenses chart in the document. It was a consensus of the Board to be conservative in the future with the current COVID 19 situation and the unknown. Chief Smith read the draft copy of the budget message. The Board discussed being comfortable budgeting \$150,000 to be transferred into the reserve accounts.

#### LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Gary Abrams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Steve Lent asked Chief Pickhardt about the levy for Redmond Fire & Rescue. Chief Pickhardt stated it was to bring the tax rate up.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 am. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent

