

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:01 am on June 18, 2020.

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

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

MINUTES

Dennis Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2020. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update- Chief Matt Smith stated that the fire stations are still closed. At this point we will be having CPR Classes and different meetings over in the annex building. We want to keep the public out of the station where the shift people are. We are hiring a professional cleaning company to clean the annex for a higher level of cleaning.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Hearing-Steve Lent opened the Budget Hearing.

Steve Lent opened public comments. No comments were given.

Chief Matt Smith gave an overview of the budget. The Board discussed the budget.

Chief Matt Smith gave an overview of the fund objectives for Debt Service, Fire Equipment Reserve, Emergency Medical Reserve, Capital Project Fund and Station/Building Reserve.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the fund objectives for Debt Service, Fire Equipment Reserve, Emergency Medical Reserve, Capital Project Fund and Station/Building Reserve that the Board reviewed. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Matt Smith read Resolution # 2020-1.

George Ponte made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2020-1, A Resolution Adopting Budget and Making Appropriations for 2020-2021. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Matt Smith read Resolution # 2020-2.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2020-2, A Resolution Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for The 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Steve Lent closed the Budget Hearing.

Future Growth and Needs-Chief Matt Smith stated the document is in draft form to continue to work on in the future. The Board discussed possibly building a station up by the airport. Chief Smith said the opportunity is there with a piece of land that the County

owns. Chief Russ Deboodt stated that he has talked to several solar farms that have been permitted to start construction in the County, but not all have started yet. Chief Deboodt stated that Apple has a couple hundred acres to possibly build on. A private company purchased some land from the State to build on.

Chief Matt Smith stated he wanted to inform the Board that our intent is to research land for a future station up by the airport. We might be able to partner with another agency. This will be a living document that will grow and change. We will keep it on the agenda.

LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Russ Deboodt gave an update on the burn regulations. Debris pile burning closed on June 8th. Only burn barrels are allowed now from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

On a red flag warning day, there will be no burning allowed. Each day it is determined whether it is a burn day or not a burn day. It is a community involvement with the County.

The Burn Regulations are on the website.

Chief Smith stated Tim Gorton is leaving Crook County Fire & Rescue to go to work at Salem Fire as a fire marshal. We will be filling the vacancy soon.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent

