

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Dennis Merrill at 9:05 am on January 20, 2022.

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

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

Guest present were Jerimiah Kenfield, Larry Long, Jeff Berkebile, Todd Olheiser, Sam Scheideman, Kori Sarrett, Eli Peacock, Jeff Berkebile, Chris Bocchi, Dillon Russell, Jared Brown, Matt Hummel, Joe Mills, Dan Freauff and Josh Erwin.

MINUTES

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2021. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Audit Report

Kori Sarrett attended the meeting by Zoom. Kori stated that she was unable to be onsite during the audit. The audit went well. Kori stated there are three items for the Board to remember: Internal Control, segregation of duties and to read the reports and ask questions.

There was a typo on the Budget Resolution. There was also an over expenditure on personnel services in Non Departmental.

Kori went through the audit with the Board.

There is a new accounting standard for next year, all lease obligations will be on the audit. Such as copiers, phones vehicles etc.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update- Chief Matt Smith stated that we are aware of the OSHA rules and how they affect the permanent restrictions. COVID is still in Crook County. We are still transporting COVID patients.

Governance Policy Review- Chief Matt Smith stated that we made some changes as the last meeting. The changes are in Executive Limitations. In 3.4, parentheses were added and 6.2 was scratched out.

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the Governance Policies and changes. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Yearly Calendar- The Board reviewed the yearly calendar.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the yearly calendar. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Progress toward Yearly Goals- Chief Matt Smith stated that our goals and agenda keep us on track and we are winning. The main focus is answering emergency calls. We had 4000 last year which was 600 more than the prior year.

Chief Matt Smith reviewed the district's yearly guide and highlighted the progress year to date.

Yearly Board Member Disclosure- Chief Smith read a statement from the State of Oregon regarding Board members potential conflict of interest.

Jerry Brummer stated that he is a County Commissioner, therefore he would sustain from anything with the CCFR and Crook County.

George Ponte stated that is on the Crook County Planning Commission.

Consider Hiring Three Firefighter/Paramedics- The Board discussed different scenarios for revenue and expenses. The Board considered the long term financial plan.

Chief Smith as the budget officer received appropriate input to hire one Firefighter/Paramedic and the future of hiring will be part of the budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Scheideman stated that he would like to hire at least two Firefighter/Paramedics.

Todd Olheiser stated that he is in favor of hiring three Firefighter/Paramedics.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SDAO Conference- Chief Smith stated that the conference is now all virtual.

Review Call Data-Chief Dave Pickhardt reviewed the call data.

Core 3 Training Center-Chief Matt Smith explained the training center possibly being built in Deschutes County. Chief's Smith intent is not to sign the memorandum of understanding.

As there was no further business for the Board. Steve Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus