

# CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Dennis Merrill at 9:00 am on April 27, 2022.

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

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

Guest present were Todd Olheiser, Chris Bocchi, Sam Scheideman, David Parks, Jeff Berkebile and Christine Kurtz by Zoom.

## MINUTES

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2022. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Review-Chief Smith stated that there are not a lot of changes to the plan. Page 1: In the last 10 years we have seen an increase in the Districts taxable valuation of nearly 905 million and an increase in non- taxable valuation of over 4.3 billion in industrial growth. The Board discussed the Strategic Plan.

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the Strategic Business Plan. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Appoint Budget Committee Member-Chief Matt Smith stated that we received 4 applications and we have 2 openings.

The Board discussed the applicants. They all agreed that they are all great applicants.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to appoint Tim Deboodt to the Budget Committee. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Steve Lent made a motion to appoint Scott Smith to the Budget Committee. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board encouraged all of the applicants to attend the Budget meeting.

The Budget meeting will be May 26, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

Budget Adjustment- Chief Smith stated that we received a grant for \$ 48,201.51 from the American Rescue Plan. Chief Smith read Resolution 2022-1.

Steve Lent made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-1, A Resolution Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Matt Smith read Resolution 2022-2. Chief Smith explained the expenses for the engine maintenance.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-2, A Resolution Transferring Funds for the General Fund operation Contingency to the General Fund Fire Department. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bargaining Update and consideration of Tentative Agreement of Contract- Dennis Merrill closed the public meeting at 9:50 am and opened Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with the persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.

Dennis Merrill opened the public meeting at 10:30 am.

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the agreement between Crook County Fire & Rescue and Crook County Firefighters Association Local 5115. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Set Fire Chief Salary- Dennis Merrill stated that the Board discussed the salary in executive session. The Board wants to be competitive.

George Ponte made a motion to increase Chief Smith salary 4%. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Update on hiring- Chief Dave Pickhardt stated we have 2 vacancies and 1 firefighter out on work comp. We are testing for Firefighter/Paramedic on May 13, 2022. We received 10 applications. There are some great candidates.

Strategic Investment Program- Chief Smith stated that the City and the County have been involved with the data centers coming into the industrial area. The Strategic Investment Program is a program to negotiate distributing the community service fee.

Russ Deboodt gave an update on the growth in the County.

Chief Smith stated that the banquet will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Ron's Comfort Food Café at Meadow Lakes.

Chief Matt Smith stated that we have done standby for the Crooked River Roundup. We have a concern to be able to provide the service. We have asked them to look for another contractor to provide ambulance service.

Russ Deboodt gave an update on Senate Bill 762 and the proposed rules.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Landrus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paula Landrus