

# 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 May 20, 2021.

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

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

Guest present was Larry Long by Zoom.

## MINUTES

Dennis Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2021. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update-Chief Matt Smith stated that the fire stations are still closed to the public. He explained the movement of offices into the annex building.

Future Growth & Needs Update-Chief Matt Smith stated he wanted to make the Board aware that we have requested 7 acres of land up at the airport from the County. Chief Smith stated that he wrote a letter to Commissioner Barney. The County is very supportive. We are waiting for approval from the FAA. We have developed a site plan. There will be a training tower, a driving pad and an administrative building.

Long Term Financial Plan-Chief Matt Smith stated that he met with each of the Board members off line as part of the budget process. The long term financial plan document is one that we go over every year. The Board discussed the spread sheet.

Dennis Merrill made a motion to adopt the Long Term Financial Plan for 2021. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

Budget Input-Chief Matt Smith stated that he is changing how the budget looks. In the proposed budget, all of the personal services will be in non- departmental.

Fire Department and Emergency Medical have line items such as uniforms, Volunteer expense and student sleeper program will all move to non-departmental.

Chief Smith read the budget objectives. The Board discussed the line items in the budget.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Legislative Update-Russ Deboodt gave an update on Senate Bill 762. This bill was created in response to last year's fires. There are several requirements that come with this Bill. The most significant impact to the district could come from the requirement that all lands within the County have a baseline of protection from wildfire. The baseline has not been described yet, but has a deadline of July 1, 2026. Russ gave an overview of the Bill.

Review Call Data-Chief Dave Pickhardt reviewed the call data for April 2021.

Update on Lieutenant Process- Chief Pickhardt stated that we had a successful process. Larry Long was the Chief Examiner. Dennis Merrill and George Ponte were involved in the testing process. We have 2 lists. A lateral entry list and an open competitive list. We will be interviewing the number one candidate on the lateral entry list.

Ambulance Tour- Chief Jerimiah Kenfield stated that we received a new ambulance. There are some safety features on the ambulance with the cot for the crews and the patients. The Board took a tour of the ambulance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus