



Leavenworth County Fire District #1

111 East Kansas Street, Lansing, KS 66043

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Minutes
June 15, 2021

Call to Order:

Attendance: Board Members Rob Gaslin, Andi Pawlowski, Greg Fontenot, Dave Nester and Dan Butler. Also in attendance is Janet Klasinski and Janet Scheer from the Leavenworth County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Andi Pawlowski, second by Dave Nester to approve minutes of the May 18, 2021 regular meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

The Board moved into new business and asked for comments from the audience. Chairman Gaslin recognized there was no audience present so hearing of the audience is closed.

The board recognized Janet Klasinski and Linda Scheer to explain new legislation (Senate Bill 13) concerning taxpayer transparency. Janet explained that her office will need confirmation by July 20th with our intent to either stay at or below revenue neutral or go above the revenue neutral rate. A decision to go above revenue neutral will require a resolution, additional notification to the public and an additional meeting open to the public. Maintaining our current mill levy of 8.923 will put us above revenue neutral. Revenue neutral rate is 8.312.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Nester provided the treasurers report. Dave indicated that we are below budget on both payroll and non-payroll. Dave indicated that we need to be around 8-10% below budget on payroll at the end of the year or we might have to pull some money. Dave also notified the board that all future budget presentations will be for the prior month rather than up to the middle of the present month. Rob asked about the audit and its status. Chief Stackhouse advised that we were waiting on the accountant's information to provide to the auditor. Lastly, Dave noted there is a CD coming due that will be transferred to savings and made comment that CDs are not the place to be.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Stackhouse provided a performance report for the month of May.

Greg Fontenot voiced concern about overuse of Engine 561 due to the run numbers. Rob Gaslin asked about the nature of the gas leak calls. There was additional discussion about automatic and mutual aid, overlapping incidents on the increase, and the Knox Box requirements for the city.

Chief Stackhouse advised that two new volunteers were hired (Mikayla Garrison and Luke Baker).

New EMS protocols are in place for District 1, and we are continuing work on the 2022 budget.

Chief Stackhouse discussed Firehouse software and the intent to go with Emergency Reporting for future use due to rising costs associated with ESO, the new owner of Firehouse.

Amkus rescue tools vendor will be at Main Street auto on July 2nd at 8:30AM to supply battery operated rescue tools so that we can compare battery to hydraulic during use.

Vector Solutions was discussed during the training topic and Chairman Gaslin requested a report detailing the use of Vector Solutions at the next meeting.

Items for Discussion:

Chairman Gaslin stated that the carryover funds discussion will be tabled again for future discussion and movement.

Chairman Gaslin entered into discussion about the options for our 2022 mill levy. The options are to lower the mill levy, leave the mill levy the same, or attempt to raise the mill levy. There was discussion about each option and the future needs of District 1 as well as implications of lowering. There was a

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consensus that all board members are intending to vote on a resolution that will keep the current mill levy at 8.923 and be above revenue neutral for 2022 budget. The August regular meeting will be moved to August 24th due to new date requirements implemented by Senate bill 13. The August regular meeting will be the budget hearing as well as the revenue neutral hearing.

Chief Stackhouse presented a draft budget for review based upon numbers provided by the County Clerk's office. Several areas were questioned and discussed including future fuel use. Chairman Gaslin asked that Chief Stackhouse equate the requested numbers to future fuel usage.

Trustee Concerns:

Greg Fontenot mentioned his intent upon visiting more fire districts and intends on visiting Atchison soon. There were no other concerns.

Adjournment:

Andi Pawlowski made a motion to adjourn. Greg Fontenot second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Rob Gaslin, Chairman

Attest:

Michael Stackhouse, Fire Chief