

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Marsha Berkbigler, Vice Chair
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
Charles Moore, Fire Chief
David Watts-Vial, Assistant District Attorney

The Board convened at 9:01 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

20-021F AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ms. Darci Fletcher asked whether she could inquire about the progress made in securing a piece of land for the new consolidated station. Chair Lucey stated the Commissioners could not answer questions during public comment, but staff would get together with her after the meeting regarding her statements. Ms. Fletcher said she noticed the parcel discussed by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore went under contract the prior Monday and she wondered who the purchaser was.

Mr. Cliff Low explained he was not at the January meeting where consolidation was discussed because he was on a trip that he had planned months in advance. He expressed disappointment both with the result and some of the questions and answers during the discussion. He expressed confusion about why Agenda Item 5C, which had a current year fiscal impact of over \$300,000, was included in the Consent Agenda. He contested consent agenda items tended to be combined and did not provide for great visibility. He felt it was an important item since it dealt with staffing, especially given the situation in Washoe Valley, and said he would offer further comments during that item.

20-022F AGENDA ITEM 4 Announcements/Reports.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore remarked the delay with the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) meeting resulted in a savings of \$50,000, which would be explained later in the meeting. He also announced pile burning for citizens was cancelled due to dry conditions until more moisture arrived. He said Chief Information Officer Adam Mayberry would relay that information to the public.

AGENDA ITEM#4A

Commissioner Jung stated she wanted to know whether the TMFPD was under contract for the parcel brought up during public comment. She requested information about the rules for placing items in the Consent Agenda for the BOFC. She believed the Board of County Commissioners determined this by price; anything under \$100,000 would be placed on the consent agenda. She wanted a rule stated on the record so the public and the Commissioners could understand the policy.

Vice Chair Berkbigler said she felt it would be appropriate for the update request about consolidation to be answered during the Chief's Report. Otherwise, she suggested an item be placed on the next BOFC meeting agenda.

Chair Lucey requested Agenda Item 5C be pulled from the consent agenda so there could be a broader discussion since it involved a large dollar amount and a significant number of positions.

CONSENT ITEMS – 5A through 5E

20-023F **5A** Recommendation to approve the meeting minutes from the January 21, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (All Commission Districts)

20-024F **5B** Recommendation that the Board of Fire Commissioners accept a technical correction to the ratification of Fiscal Year 18/19 reimbursements from the Washoe County, Nevada Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for the cost of retiree health insurance premiums in the amount of \$216,388. On July 16, 2019, the Board ratified this reimbursement request, which was mistakenly described as Fiscal Year "19/20"; this item constitutes a correction of that ratification to clarify that the reimbursement requests are for Fiscal year 18/19, not 19/20. This Trust was established to provide a funding source for current and future retiree health costs; monies transferred from this trust will be placed into the District's general fund. (All Commission Districts)

20-025F **5C** Recommendation to reinstate three (3) frozen Firefighter/Paramedic positions and create one (1) additional Firefighter/Paramedic position, each having an annual salary range of \$62,957.44 to \$81,943.68 for a total cost including benefits for all positions for the remainder of FY19/20 is estimated at \$144,000. (All Commission Districts)

20-026F **5D** Recommendation to approve a standing resolution recognizing that, unless and until otherwise directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Vice Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners serves as the ex officio Vice Chair of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners. (All Commission Districts)

20-027F **5E** Recommendation to approve a resolution adopting the Washoe County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that each jurisdiction adopt a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on a 5-year cycle. An updated plan was produced with experts from the various public safety disciplines throughout the County as well as private businesses and citizens. Participating partner agencies include the following: City of Sparks, City of Reno, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Truckee River Flood Management Project, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, and TMFPD. Adoption of this plan is necessary to enable the TMFPD to receive FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant funds. (All commission Districts)

Regarding Agenda Item 5C, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore stated the item concerned staffing up for vacant positions and anticipating retirements in the near future. The timing of this item was based on the need to start the new member academy in the next few months.

Deputy Chief Alex Kukulus explained there were currently seven vacancies. Since they usually promoted from within the District, that created openings in the rank of firefighter/paramedic. He remarked economies of scale were used to determine the proper number of recruits to attend the academy. The District was trying to plan for upcoming retirements and departures as well. He said it took about six months for a new firefighter to complete the academy and in-station training.

Deputy Chief Alex Kukulus said they requested filling the seven vacant positions and unfreezing positions that had been frozen in an attempt to reduce costs. Freezing the positions had resulted in an increase in overtime costs. He pointed out stations had fixed staffing levels: a minimum of three people on an engine. Because of departures over the prior year, some shifts were at or below minimum staffing levels, which resulted in higher overtime costs and placed a burden on the ranks. Once the expected retirements took place, he commented, the newly-hired employees would be drawn down and those positions would be re-frozen to get back to minimum staffing levels. No positions would be added permanently, only temporarily during the academy.

Commissioner Jung asked for a report at the staffing for each station, including who took on overtime shifts and a fiscal analysis of the decision to replace overtime with full-time positions. Deputy Chief Kukulus responded there were typically two to three extra personnel per shift, which he called floaters, to fill in for those on vacation or sick leave. He said the floaters filled in those spots in lieu of overtime. He added there was currently a minimum or a deficit of employees per shift, which led to overtime costs. The three extra personnel per shift amounted to a total of nine floaters.

Commissioner Jung asked for clarification on the employment status of floaters. Deputy Chief Kukulus replied each station had three employees, for a total of 33 on each shift; the three additional floaters brought that total up to 36 per shift. He clarified

they were full-time eligible employees, but they did not incur overtime. They earned a base salary but were sent to various stations as needed.

Commissioner Jung requested a detailed 8-year history of staffing per station, including how many were assigned to each station, the cost of that, and the cost savings for utilizing the firefighter/paramedic positions discussed in this item.

Chair Lucey agreed he would like to see that breakdown, not just for firefighters, but for other ranks such as captains and battalion chiefs. He asked how the District handled the absence of a captain, since he posited that position could not be filled by a firefighter/paramedic. Deputy Chief Kukulus pointed out the 3-floater system had been used for years. He explained the absence of a captain was filled by a qualified acting captain, whose position would then be filled by a qualified engineer, whose position would in turn be filled by a qualified paramedic; the floaters filled the paramedic positions.

Chair Lucey asked how many retirements from the District were anticipated during this calendar year. Deputy Chief Kukulus said they anticipated five imminent retirements.

Chair Lucey stated they would leave Agenda Item 5C in the consent agenda; he merely wanted discussion on it.

Regarding timing for public comment on consent agenda items, Chair Lucey explained commenters were given three minutes to speak on any and all items.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Cliff Low pointed out the rationale for consolidating the two Washoe Valley stations was to provide additional staffing in the North Valleys without increasing the budget. He said Agenda Item 5C would activate nine new positions and there was room in the budget for this. He desired further scrutiny, especially given people's dissatisfaction with the action taken relative to staffing in Washoe Valley. Regarding Agenda Item 5A, he requested the County Clerk attribute the comments spoken in opposition to consolidation to each speaker instead of grouping them together. He mentioned Commissioners took issue with some comments and he would not want to be associated with some of the comments. Lastly, he believed Mr. Dean Dow did not speak in support of consolidation but rather in support of Truckee Meadows Fire.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Berkgigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5E be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5E are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

20-028F **AGENDA ITEM 6** International Association of Firefighters, Local 2487 Report.

- A. Peer Support Update
- B. L2487 Stance on Automatic Aid within the Region
- C. Annual Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament - April 27, 2020

Josh Kutz, President of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 2487, said the local union co-sponsored a peer support class with the Reno Firefighters' Local 731 on February 6 and 7. Eight agencies from around the region participated and all students had the opportunity to join the Northern Nevada Peer Support Network (PSN), which was chaired by Fire Captain Derek Reid. He felt the education would improve peer support programs and mental health around the region.

Regarding automatic aid within the region, Mr. Kutz stated Local 2487 stood by the District in wanting to provide the best emergency services to all citizens in the region, and they looked forward to working with other agencies on this matter. He promoted the 8th Annual Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament on April 27, 2020 at Lakeridge Golf Course and he suggested anyone interested in participating should contact Jon Sieben.

Chair Lucey asked Captain Reid to share more detail about the peer support program. Captain Reid indicated there was a need for peer support and mental health resources for all agencies, including fire, police, dispatch, and emergency medical services. As a result, a partnership was created with 25 agencies including some in California and federal agencies. He remarked the website that was set up was a hub for mental health resources, many of which were not local because this region lacked those resources. He mentioned the PSN was a 501(c)3 organization and it planned to hold fundraisers and apply for grants to bring in funds from outside the area. He stated they interfaced with Senator Jacky Rosen and Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's office assistant, who he hoped would help find grants for the mental health of first responders.

Chair Lucey commended Commissioner Jung, Chief Moore, and Captain Reid for their work on behalf of all public safety responders. He thanked Captain Reid for spearheading the project.

Commissioner Hartung asked whether there was a plan to utilize either a psychologist or a group of people to work regionally. Captain Reid responded those involved with the PSN were full-time employees who did not have the time to write a 150-page grant application; that would be a full-time job. He hoped the State would help them out with grant writing, though he said they brought on two psychologists as clinical advisors with a potential for more in the future.

Commissioner Hartung recommended someone should be hired through the coalition to find those resources. He felt the cost would come down if it was split by all the agencies rather than duplicating efforts. Captain Reid explained each Board of Director position was allocated for a specific branch of service, including positions for fire,

hospitals, dispatch, and law enforcement. He thought inclusivity was important when discussing fundraising and allocating funds.

Commissioner Hartung clarified he thought all elected officials should include line items in their budgets for this service, further suggesting the Regional Public Safety Training Center could serve as a base of operations. The appropriate staff could then address issues regionally and the resource would be available to all agencies. Captain Reid agreed that would be an amazing collaborative effort and it aligned well with the PSN's goal. He encouraged hearing any ideas because this type of network had not been done in this way before. Commissioner Hartung told a story about his father's experience with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He asked to speak with Chief Moore about how the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) could work with all the agencies in the region.

Commissioner Jung remarked she had requested a budget line item for this type of service the prior year but she had not seen an item in the District's budget, only in the union's budget. She felt the District needed to put money into this first. Additionally, she opined the Board should focus on employees over which they had responsibility, such as the TMFPD, Sheriff's Office deputies, and emergency social workers. She added anyone working in a public service agency encountered trauma considering the potential for armed attacks. She concurred a psychologist had been hired but she was under the impression that employee would collect data and provide the PSN with best practice research. She remarked war-caused PTSD was recognized but many other forms of it were not. She reiterated the BOFC needed to include funding for this, either through the health plan or via a line item in the budget.

Commissioner Jung wondered whether a system could be devised where certain traumas were ranked and certain amounts of money were put into a fund whenever one of those traumas occurred. She inquired about the PSN's budget. Captain Reid explained the budget was initially \$25,000 which was reduced to \$15,000. The budget later increased when Dr. Stephen Nicholas was brought on for a 6-month pilot program. He explained the \$15,000 came from the District's budget for chaplain care. Commissioner Jung felt chaplains should volunteer their time.

Commissioner Jung asked whether Captain Reid was being paid for this. Captain Reid replied the PSN was something he took on aside from his department duties, though it supported the department. Commissioner Jung concluded she needed a better briefing, but she felt anything that impacted the BOFC's budget was her business.

Mr. Kutz confirmed the PSN was a non-profit organization and Captain Reid was on the Board of Directors. The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) peer support team was funded by the TMFPD in collaboration with the IAFF. They split the \$9,000 cost to get IAFF members trained with Reno Fire's Local 731. Responding to Commissioner Jung's query, he noted Local 731 paid from their union, not their general fund. Commissioner Jung contended \$25,000 was not enough money. Captain Reid stated the PSN would help supplement some of the cost for both the union and the District. He quoted the PSN's motto: "Within unity, we find strength."

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AGENDA ITEM 7 Fire Chief Report:

A. Informational briefing on operational matters and activities for the month of January and February 2020 to include the following items:

1. Sun Valley Cleanup Day Informational Announcement
2. Spring Green Waste Collection Update for Sun Valley and Spanish Springs
3. Update on New Office Lease at 3663 Barron Way for TMFPD's Office/Logistics and Fleet Space
4. Update on Mutual/Automatic and Automatic Vehicle Location Dispatch Protocols
5. Fire Hydrant Maintenance, Testing, and Water Line Lateral Repair Agreement with Truckee Meadows Water Authority
6. Hidden Valley Station 37 Development Update

B. Commissioner Dashboard: Status update on ongoing Commissioner requests of the Fire Chief.

C. Review of recent critical calls response statistics for January 2020 to include Mutual and Auto Aid for our regional partners.

Regarding an earlier request for information about a landowner contract, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore said Legal Counsel advised him to include that update during the later announcements item.

Chief Moore said May 16th was anticipated to be the date for a Sun Valley cleanup event in coordination with volunteers from Summit Christian Church and the Sun Valley General Improvement District. The District would pay for dumpsters and volunteer some manpower. He wanted an easy place for Sun Valley residents to dispose of items from their yards and homes.

With regard to spring green waste collection, Chief Moore mentioned they were looking for a site between Sun Valley and Spanish Springs in addition to the established sites at Eastlake and Silver Lake. He anticipated speaking with the landowner of a particular site and hoped to have an update in the next month or two.

Chief Moore explained Cat6 cable and routers were being installed at the 3663 Barron Way property, and a new phone system was needed. He expected the District would occupy the space on March 9. He explained the TMFPD currently spent approximately \$126,000 annually to lease space from the County, around \$100,000 for space on Greg Street for logistics and fleet maintenance, and another \$50,000 for the use of classrooms and the drill grounds at the Regional Public Safety Training Center (PSTC). The total of these three roughly equaled the cost of the new lease. He stressed the District did not intend to use the PSTC because they experienced difficulty reserving classroom space. He did not think it was prudent to spend a lot of money when they could not use the facility when needed. The new facility had an expansive classroom and it could be used as a secondary emergency operations center if there was a catastrophic event that affected the primary one. He reiterated this new venture was as close to cost neutral as possible.

Chief Moore indicated he and Deputy Chief Alex Kukulus were in discussions with Reno Fire Department (RFD) Chief David Cochran and Sparks Fire Department Chief John McNamara about automatic aid and ensuring the closest unit would visit a call site regardless of jurisdiction. He mentioned the Reno City Council expressed interest in discussing this at a joint meeting with the TMFPD. He believed it would take direction from the Reno City Council and the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) to move this forward. He explained the TMFPD did not control the server or the software so they could not do anything to progress the issue other than expressing willingness to respond to emergencies. There was no quick way to dispatch emergency responders to emergencies except by dispatch protocols. He stated automatic vehicle location technology existed but he could not explain why two years had elapsed without much progress made.

Chief Moore mentioned progress had been made in the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) realm, where the TMFPD would interface with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA), Reno Dispatch, and Washoe County Dispatch. He acknowledged it was technologically difficult and a lot of the programming had not worked. He posited one solution could be having a co-located dispatch center where it would become easy to send the closest unit, though having all entities on the same platform might make that unnecessary. He said he understood that Reno was contemplating moving its police dispatch to *The Reno Gazette-Journal* building and the RFD could follow. He said REMSA could co-locate with the RFD, the TMFPD, or not relocate. Upgrading dispatch software so everyone used the same system, he said, would solve the problems of sending the closest unit and sharing information in a timely manner. He underscored his belief that the BOFC should discuss this with its elected counterparts at the City of Reno and possibly the City of Sparks.

Vice Chair Berkbigler asked whether the BOFC could do something financially to ensure it was ready when the City of Reno was. Chief Moore responded it would be important to ensure the TMFPD purchased the same software as REMSA and the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and he expected the TMFPD's software upgrade would happen soon.

Vice Chair Berkbigler emphasized the importance of this issue and she thought it was illogical to require that all agencies sit in the same office. She emphasized the need to figure out how to make this work. She said constituents were endangered because the nearest unit was not being sent to a call. She acknowledged the TMFPD was working hard on this topic but everything needed to be done to protect citizens in more remote areas; a 30-minute response was too long for a heart attack, stroke, or accident victim. She expressed frustration saying she had advocated for this since she was elected to the BOFC eight years prior. She said she was pleased that the Board of County Commissioners had an item later in the day that would allocate money to hire more staff. She reinforced the idea of using whatever service the City of Reno might buy, even if it was not the best option.

Deputy Chief Kukulus noted the current mobile communication system the TMFPD used recently went through an upgrade and it was in the final phases of testing.

This system had all the functionality Commissioner Berkbigler wanted and he remarked there was no reason it could not be implemented now. He agreed it was a policy-level decision at this point. He noted the E911 Board was about to pursue a request for proposal to select a new CAD program that would take the place of the current system in a few years. He felt the issue was not a question of feasibility, but willingness to cross borders.

Chief Moore brought up an imminent meeting with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) about fire hydrant maintenance. He explained there was some differing beliefs about who was responsible for maintaining hydrants and lateral connectors. He felt they had a solution and wanted confirmation that they were moving in the right direction.

Deputy Fire Chief Dale Way remarked Nevada Revised Statute 704.660 addressed the responsibilities of public utilities and maintenance of hydrants and other parts of the system. One solution being considered was TMWA relocating a pump station to a section of TMFPD's Station 33. Chief Moore added TMWA would agree to perform hydrant maintenance and fix lateral connectors in perpetuity in exchange for that land.

Battalion Chief James Solaro stated the TMFPD performed all maintenance on fire hydrants for the prior eight years, but they did not have dump trucks, backhoes, or expertise to handle certain underground scenarios. In those cases they had to hire experts to complete those projects. He noted the Cities of Reno and Sparks had agreements for TMWA to perform that maintenance for them. He mentioned no part of the system, from the valves in the street to the tops of hydrants, were on TMFPD's asset list. They were working with TMWA to come to a resolution.

Commissioner Hartung stated he had worked on the inequity of TMWA handling hydrant maintenance for the Cities of Reno and Sparks but not for Washoe County. He pointed out one issue was the County did not have any input in the design of the lateral connectors even though they were supposed to be responsible for them. He said to let him know if an item needed to be placed on an agenda.

Chief Solaro stated the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks came up with a regional hydrant detail on which TMWA had provided input. This was available for any hydrant within the region. Commissioner Hartung reiterated his desire that the TMFPD not be responsible for lateral connectors they did not design. Chief Solaro replied the TMFPD had input into that now but the larger issue remained ownership of the parts.

With regard to the update on Station 37, Chief Moore indicated they planned to go to the Board of Adjustment in April and plans were currently being developed.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly expressed disgust that Summit Christian Church would help clean up the Sun Valley area. She said there was supposed to be a separation between church and state, and she did not think the BOFC should support a church whose pastor lied.

Chief Moore said there was nothing to highlight in Agenda Items 7B or 7C.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be approved.

20-030F **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to approve a new logo for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. If approved, the immediate implementation of the logo includes patches on uniforms, apparatus decals, and some station signage, and is estimated at a cost of \$9,500. (All Commission Districts)

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore pointed out the proposal would spread the cost for this out over two to three years.

Chief Information Officer Adam Mayberry conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: 1975-1995; Started the discussion in the fall '19; Logo Working Group; Introducing the new Truckee Meadows Fire Logo; Logo; TMFPD Media Review; Logo Colors; and Thank you!

Mr. Mayberry mentioned the current logos appeared on uniforms but not on any apparatus. He mentioned several logos were created by OCG Creative, LLC, and they were shown to staff for input. He said the goal was a simple logo that was representative of the region the TMFPD served. Much of the feedback received was that tradition was important. He praised Engineer Jesse Corletto for raising the awareness of the importance of branding, which he felt the TMFPD had not had in a long time. He pointed out the TMFPD would soon celebrate its 50-year anniversary and, given that and the fact that they would shortly move to a new headquarters, the time was right to raise the level of awareness for the TMFPD.

Mr. Mayberry pointed out the mountain in the proposed logo was Slide Mountain and many logos included something iconic to the region served. He commented many other fire logos were very busy with depictions of tools, but one main goal was to keep this logo clean. He indicated the TMFPD wanted to be branded more as a fire and rescue agency because most of their responses were medical responses, auto extrications, and human or animal rescues. He said many fire districts were moving in that direction. He projected a cost of roughly \$9,500 over the course of a couple of years which would be used to create new patches, decals, signage, letterhead, and business cards. Funds would only be spent incrementally as specific things needed updating.

Commissioner Hartung asked about how the sky color transition between red to pink would translate in embroidery. Mr. Mayberry said some graphics, like those on the patches, would be a solid red.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Darci Fletcher pointed out there were 11 people on the Logo Working Group and she wondered how much time and money was

spent on this logo. She noticed the logos had been in use for 20 years, 15 years, and now 8 years, which she felt was an inappropriate expenditure. She wondered whether the expected \$8,500 cost included the time of the Logo Working Group. She said she did not care what was on a patch when someone was providing emergency services, and she opposed this endeavor.

Mr. Cliff Low stated he had nothing to add to Ms. Fletcher's comments.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

20-031F **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to adopt a Resolution designated by the short title "2020 Medium-Term Bond Resolution"; providing for the issuance by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District of its General Obligation (Limited tax) Medium-Term Bond, Series 2020, in the maximum principal amount of \$4,415,000, as approved by the State of Nevada, Department of Taxation for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing fire-fighting equipment, including fire engines and other vehicles; providing covenants, agreements and other details concerning the bond, the project and general tax proceeds; ratifying action previously taken and pertaining to the foregoing by the district and its officers and employees; and providing other matters relating thereto; and if approved, approve and execute a resolution augmenting the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Capital Fund from anticipated resources of debt proceeds which exceed estimated resources for use in the Capital Projects Fund Capital Outlay Account for the purpose of the purchase of five Type I Engines and three Type 5 Brush Trucks and necessary equipment in the amount of \$4,415,000. (All Commission Districts)

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore stated this item involved a Resolution to adopt \$4,415,000 in bonds. He mentioned the delay in the meeting resulted in a \$50,000 savings in finance costs over the length of the bonds.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Jan Galassini distributed a handout to the Board and noted a copy would be placed on file.

John Peterson of JNA Consulting Group, LLC confirmed the interest rates had fallen by 20 basis points during the time the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting had been delayed. The rate in the bid from Chase Bank dropped from 1.7 percent to 1.5 percent. He explained requests for bids were sent out in January and bids were received from 10 banks. Many of the interest rates received were around 2 percent. He recommended the Board approve this bond, which would be a 10-year bond for \$4,415,000. He added the District received approval from the State Department of Taxation, a copy of which was included in the Board's packet.

Commissioner Jung asked about the term of the loan. Mr. Peterson said the term of the note was 10 years, so the final payment would be made on March 1, 2030 assuming the bond was approved at this meeting and they closed on the bond on March 10.

Commissioner Jung asked Chief Moore about the equipment this would support and how long he expected that equipment to be used. Chief Moore replied it would support five Type I engines and three Type 5 wildland trucks. Further, Type I engines typically lasted ten years in front-line service and five years in reserve status; Type 5 trucks lasted 15 to 20 years. Commissioner Jung wanted to ensure the lifespan of the engines would be longer than the bond duration.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be adopted and executed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

20-032F **AGENDA ITEM 10** Possible Closed Session pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of discussing with management representatives labor matters and negotiations.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore affirmed a closed session was needed. Commissioner Hartung asked when it would take place. Chair Lucey replied they would recess the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting, conduct the closed session later in the day, then conclude this meeting at the end of that session.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

20-033F **AGENDA ITEM 11** Announcements/Reports.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore announced a ladder truck was being outfitted with radios and equipment, and it should be in service within 30 days.

20-034F **AGENDA ITEM 12** Public Comment.

Mr. Cliff Low expressed disappointment that no Commissioner asked if there would be harm in postponing Agenda Item 5C until the next meeting to answer some of the questions posed. He stated Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore mentioned he would address the purchase of land for the proposed new Washoe Valley station during the announcement item, but he did not. Mr. Low read

the relevant motion from the January 21, 2020 meeting and said he did not see authorization given for the TMFPD to enter into a contract for land purchase. If the District was under contract, he submitted it was done without authorization.

Ms. Elise Weatherly expressed dissatisfaction with Hearthstone of Northern Nevada for not providing her with information about a patient or allowing her to play a piano there. She expressed frustration that someone using drugs and alcohol was in charge of the healing ministry at The Seasons of Reno. She spoke about a State of Nevada unemployment claim, the Zodiac Killer, Richard Allen Davis, and a bias towards the homeless.

Mr. Sam Dehne praised all the fire departments in the area, and spoke about C-130 firefighter planes, President Donald Trump, and the media.

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10:23 a.m. It was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

1:02 p.m. There being no response to the further call for public comment, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

VAUGHN HARTUNG, Chair
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows
Fire Protection District

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