

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m.

JANUARY 24, 2012

PRESENT:

Robert Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson
John Breternitz, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel
Tim Leighton, Interim Fire Chief

ABSENT:

David Humke, Commissioner

The Board convened at 11:25 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

12-10SF AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The District will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the District as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

12-11SF AGENDA ITEM 3A

Agenda Subject: “Approval of BOFC meeting minutes of January 10, 2012.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3A be approved.

12-12SF AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Chief’s Report including Arrowcreek Station.”

Interim Chief Tim Leighton reported that the Arrowcreek Station was on time and within budget. He commented on the recent Washoe Fire and extended condolences to the victims who lost their homes and to the family that lost a family member. He stated that this was a fast-moving, wind-driven fire that was difficult to contain. Interim Chief Leighton thanked all the responding agencies and the citizens for the collaboration that was displayed.

On behalf of the Sierra Front Incident Management Team, Interim Chief Leighton presented a plaque to County Manager Katy Simon for the support that she provided during the Washoe Fire. He said that support was instrumental in providing assistance to the community.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

12-13SF AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible acceptance or rejection of a counteroffer by the Reno City Council to the Board’s October 11, 2011 approved Interlocal Agreement for dispatch services with a one year term retroactive to July 1, 2011, the approved cost of which was \$124,000 whereas the counteroffer is \$16,512 higher at a total of \$140,512.”

Interim Chief Tim Leighton explained that following the October 11, 2011 Board approval of the Interlocal Agreement for dispatch services with the City of Reno, the City declined to approve the Interlocal Agreement. The City Council directed their staff to apply a new formula and make it retroactive to July 1, 2011. He said the impact of the proposed change would be an additional \$16,512 and would bring the proposed cost of dispatch services to \$140,512 for Fiscal Year 2011/12.

Chairman Larkin asked if the City offered an explanation for the additional \$16,000. Interim Chief Leighton replied that the reason for the increase was the City’s desire to approve the agreement retroactive to July 1, 2011 rather than implement the increase effective January 1, 2012.

Commissioner Breternitz questioned the new formula and how the numbers were created in order to determine if the application of that formula was accurate.

Chairman Larkin agreed with Commissioner Breternitz. He stated that the District had a Cooperative Agreement with the County for administrative services and should fully employ those services. He suggested that the Finance Department review the figures and then send questions to the City in order to determine the reasoning for the additional monies.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

12-14SF AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Possible closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Sierra Fire Protection District Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.”

11:32 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Sierra Fire Protection District Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

2:39 p.m. The Board reconvened with all members present.

12-15SF AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Commissioner’s/Managers Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)”

There were no Board member comments.

12-16SF AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The District will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the District as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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2:41 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Sierra Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Sierra
Fire Protection District

*Minutes Prepared by:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*