



Fire Chief Beau Bakken

# MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2

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## Mason County Fire District 2

### Meeting Minutes

7/16/2013

**Present:** Commissioners McIntosh, Blackwell, Burrus, Hamilton and Quigley, Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Katie Patti.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chief Bakken reviewed the financials for the month. Ambulance revenues are back where we anticipate them being and we received \$35,000 in timber revenues which is great news. Overall we are doing well this year to date.

Of growing concern, is District 2's assessed value numbers. Many have received their letter in the mail regarding Property Values and many values have dropped significantly. We hope to have some preliminary figures soon from the Assessor's Office. Chief Bakken has been in contact with the other Chief's regarding this and indicated a joint meeting between the Chief's and commissioners could be scheduled towards the end of July to address this concern.

#### MEDIC UNIT UPDATES:

Chief Cooper presented two options consisting of repairing or replacing the medic unit that was involved in the head on collision in May.

**Option 1** would include re-chassis the damaged 2008 E450 with a 2013 E450 with 4wd added. US Fire Equipment, LLC has provided an estimate of \$71,164 to complete the work.

**Option 2** we repair the unit through Valley Freightliner at a cost of \$61,195 to complete the repair.

Chief Cooper recommends we move forward with option 1. This option allows us a 4WD medic unit and will extend its life out 15 years as opposed to 10 years.

If option 1 is selected this will require the re-chassis to go up for bid unless declared an emergency situation. Chief's Bakken and Cooper confirmed this is an emergency situation as we are currently down a medic unit.

Commissioner Blackwell motioned to declare the repair or replacement of the medic unit as an emergency. Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to go with Option 1 as presented, and re-chassis the medic unit for a cost of \$71,164. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hamilton motioned to go to bid to purchase thirty-five (35) sets of gear for volunteers through our grant. Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **ENGINE SURPLUS UPDATE:**

An ad for the KME Engine was listed on the Fire Chief's Website for fourteen days. We have received and have accepted an offer from former Fire Chief Mike Greene in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase the engine.

#### **POLICY ADDITION:**

Two Administrative policies were presented for approval and addition to the Standard Operating Policies and Procedures Manual.

1. Administration-37 Firefighter Recognition Banquet this policy covers expenditures of tax monies in recognition of volunteer and career service to the community.
2. Administration-38 Food and Beverage identifies when the Fire District may provide food and or non-alcoholic beverages at meetings, training events, emergency incidents and special events.

Commissioner Blackwell motioned to approve Policy Administration 37 titled Firefighter Recognition Banquet as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner Hamilton motioned to approve Policy Administration 38 titled Food and Beverage as presented. Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Captain Jordan Reese and his wife Melissa celebrated the birth of their baby girl Savannah on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to their family.


#### **HEALTHCARE PRESENTATION (Attached):**

Commissioner Hamilton made a presentation to the group on the Affordable Care Act ("Obama Care") and the significant changes that are forthcoming in healthcare delivery and reimbursement in the United States and how those changes will impact the Fire District. This presentation arose from an information session he and several other Commissioners attended during the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Seminar held in June of this year.

He further stated the importance of the Fire District to engage in dialogue with Harrison Medical Center Executives to get a sense of what their take is on the act. Commissioner Hamilton offered to represent District 2 if a meeting is scheduled. It would also be beneficial to speak with our Medical Provider Director, Dr. Joe Hoffman to get his view on the subject. Chief Bakken is happy to assist in setting up a meeting.

Commissioner Blackwell moved to adjourn; Commissioner Burrus seconded the motion. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

  
Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

  
Commissioner Brooke Quigley

  
Commissioner Dan Burrus

  
Commissioner Denny Hamilton

  
Commissioner Shelby Blackwell