Board of Directors’ meeting called to order at 1800 hrs.

Roll call as follows:

Those present are:  Absent:
Patrick Williams  Paul Watkins
Peter Moffett  Deputy Chief Earle
Gary Cooper
Richard Boylan
Chief Ransdell

Flag salute recited. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Richard Boylan. Motion approved.

Time Sensitive Matter

1. The Oath of Office was administered by Director Williams to swear in Fire Fighters, Ryan Verner & Chris Baker.

2. Director Williams opened the Public Hearing on the matter of the approval of the FY 2019-2020 Final Budget at 1807.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2019 board meeting was made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Peter Moffett. Motion approved.

Director Williams opened the Public Forum at 1808.

Correspondence: Chief Ransdell got a phone call from the brewery next door thanking the crews for their hard work.

Consent Items: Cal Card charges from Cross Connection and Best Buy were discussed. A motion to approve the consent items as presented was made by Richard Boylan. Motion was seconded by Gary Cooper. Motion approved.

Chief’s Report –

1. JPA - Budgeting – Just finished the 1st year of the 5 year fixed rate contract of $1.1 million annually. Tough working under the cap. County Fire was way under and JPA is trying to figure out what to do about it. Chief Ransdell would rather see another ambulance put into service. For now, the JPA Finance Committee is staying with fixed rate to see how the second year of the contract goes.

2. Joint Power Fire Authority – Diamond, County & EDH – Meeting weekly to discuss ideas for running the JPA more efficiently (Joint Defense Council (JDC)) formed. Group has submitted a list of 21 questions to the CAO’s office and will continue with that as a Public Records Request. Next Meeting of the group is tomorrow.

3. Still talking with County Fire about shared services. Rescue went with El Dorado Hills. Chief Johnson has requested some funding in perpetuity from the County in their proposal for the merge. When they took over Latrobe the County supplemented but they are trying to end that. Measure B for County Fire failed and Garden
Valley’s Measure failed as well. County Fire is recruiting for a new Fire Chief. Georgetown just hired a new Fire Chief. Savacool proposing the question of merging the Fire Districts on the Georgetown Divide to the voters.

4. Engine 249 & 4 personnel were deployed to the Redbank Fire. Engine 246 & 3 personnel are on a coverage assignment for Cal FIRE. The Water Tender and staff have been deployed 14 times.

5. Fleet – Phillips & Daniels are in South Dakota doing the final inspection of the Type 3 Engine this week. It will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Chiefs Ransdell’s Command Vehicle is still in Elk Grove but should be ready next Friday.

6. Personnel – Two new apprentices have been hired. – We are now fully staffed.


8. City of Placerville looking at annexing the Missouri Flat Corridor. It would be up to County Fire to prove that they could provide a better service than we are already providing.

9. DC Earle in Guatemala. Prevention up and running. The final inspections at the Public Safety Facility have been taking a while. The documents for the Fire Code Adoption are almost done and will be presented for approval at next month’s Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #

1. 2019-2020 Health Insurance Rates – New rates – 10.38% increase this year. Working on a plan with the Union for dealing with the escalating cost of health insurance. Chief recommends increasing the cap this year so no one has to come out of pocket and finding a way to tie this to some sort of CPI or Index going forward. President Williams doesn’t have a problem going with the Chief’s recommendation for this year but insists that we come up with a long term plan before next year. MOU coming up for renewal in June. Need a long term plan in writing. Resolution raising the cap to be submitted next month for Board approval.

Director Williams closed the Public Hearing on the matter Budget 1846

2. 2019-2020 Adoption of Fiscal Final Budget – Chief Ransdell presented the 19/20 Final Budget. Went over Revenue. Discussed Class 30 – Class 40 has been tightened up this FY. Revenue up 11%, expenses up 17%. Big ticket items done after this fiscal year so better outlook for next fiscal year. A motion to approve the 2019-2020 Final Budget was made by Gary Cooper. Motion seconded by Moffett. Motion approved.

New Purchases: None

Employee / Union Input: None

Director Williams closed the Open Forum at 1911. A motion to adjourn was made Richard Boylan. Motion was seconded by Peter Moffett. The meeting was adjourned at 1911.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Tuthill, Board Secretary