

Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 15, 2014

7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Dana Jones CFD, Ron Champagne CHFD and Arthur Cowell CHFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Motion to accept the August minutes with one change in attendance was made by Ron Champagne and seconded by Jim Leonard. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial/Legal – John McCoy noted that the memorandum of consolidation is part of the binder that will be turned over to the new board.

Buildings & Apparatus – Jim Leonard stated he is still looking into the state property located behind the Cumberland Fire District building. It will have to go to the State Properties Committee. The State's price in the past was too high.

Labor – Nothing to Report

Media – Nothing to report

Insurance – Ron Champagne EAP program needs a list of all the employees that will be covered. Ron has been in contact with VFIS and is waiting for an underwriter's call back. Ron noted that the bill that was passed allows this committee to enter into agreements. EAP, pension and VFIS have to happen prior to the election. Bruce Lemois noted that the new department can't operate separately once the election is certified. Ron is waiting for quotes available for the October meeting. He is still waiting for information from the pension board.

Patch/Badge – The choices for badges and patches were revealed.

Old Business

The chiefs met to discuss possible organization of operations. They will meet again and have more information for the October meeting. A discussion about payroll companies was conducted not resolution was made.

John McCoy stated the Secretary of State should be all set. The language in the statute has the Incorporation 7/27/13 effective 11/4/14. Jim Leonard will have more on technology for the next meeting.

New Business

John McCoy put together a draft budget with the four districts on a spreadsheet. CHFD will be updated next month after their annual meeting. The draft has a proposed column. All comments should be directed to John for discussion at the next meeting. John noted that all four budgets are lean as they stand so the initial savings will be 100 to 150K. Dave Raymond asked if the proposed tax rate would be around \$2 per thousand.

Public Comment –

Dave Raymond questioned inventories in the stations. Chief Finlay stated that everything at CHFD had been bar coded. Chief Jackvony stated inventory was in progress at VFFD and NCFD. Dave questions work schedules. Some stations work 24 hour shifts some 2 day 2 night. This would be part of negotiations with the firefighters union. Tax sales were questioned. The tax collectors noted that the sales should be completed by November 4, 2014.

A discussion about SOG's was held and noted that the chiefs were working on tweaking them. It was noted that ISO would have to be reevaluated after the merger.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Champagne and seconded by Jim Leonard. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting – October 6, 2014 7pm