

Black Canyon Fire District
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 19th 2017

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair J. Coslett-Muirhead called the Fire Board Meeting to order on Thursday, January 19th, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Anthem Civic Building, 3701 W. Anthem Way, Phoenix, Arizona.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Board Chairman Jeri Coslett-Muirhead; Board Member William Burrus; Board Member Jack Artrip; Board Member Matt Simon; Board Clerk Sharon McMahon

Members Absent: None

Board Chair affirms a quorum

Administrative Staff Present: Chief Mark Nichols, Valerie Helms

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: led by Brian Moore.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC There were no requests to address the board.

INTRODUCTIONS

By Fire Chief Mark Nichols

Fire Chief Mark Nichols introduced the members of the Daisy Mountain Fire District and the Black Canyon Fire District boards.

6. PRESENTATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF COMBINED SERVICES.

Fire Chief Mark Nichols noted that John Flynn, AFDA lobbyist, was unable to attend and provided a handout regarding fire district mergers and consolidations. A financial feasibility study was provided to the board members which outlined the current financial status of both fire districts, 5 year financial projections, and possible staffing scenarios if a combination were to occur. Chief Nichols explained the difference between a merger, where both districts and boards combine (3 from one board, 2 from the other), and a consolidation where one board is disbanded. Chief Nichols explained that there is currently a contract in place for Management and Administrative services that expires June 30, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to begin the discussion between boards whether there is a possibility of combining in some way, which is yet to be determined through future board meetings and public meetings and comment periods.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION ON POTENTIAL COMBINED SERVICE OPTIONS.

BCFD Board Chair Jeri Coslett-Muirhead was concerned about losing the ambulance services, but it was explained that the mutual aid system provides backup coverage when needed. Community members voiced several concerns such as why the communities would want to merge, the budgetary implications, communication concerns, reduction in staffing concerns, and employee absorption. The Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Boards answered the questions as best

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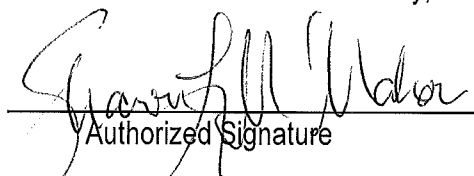
they could, but both boards emphasized that this is the very first meeting and we are still in our information sharing and fact finding stage so no certain direction has been decided as of yet. As we move forward we will have several more public meetings that will give us opportunities to address each of these issues, in detail, as the boards decide which direction they wish to go. Board Chair Jeri Coslett-Muirhead stated that, "What the public needs to understand is that your board, that you elected, is there to represent your interest. That is what they have all ran for, to do what is in the best interest of our respective communities. They are going to be very cautious to do anything that is going to hurt their constituents." She went on to assure everyone that each board is trying to do what is in the best interest of their communities and for everyone to remember that moving forward. Chairman Moore echoed these sentiments and reiterated that this is the first meeting and the public's concerns will be addressed as the boards determine a course of action. Both boards requested that staff provide more information to the boards and public about future public meetings to gain as much public input as possible. Chief Nichols will follow up with both boards regarding future dates.

ADJOURNMENT

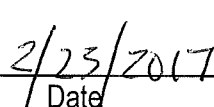
Board Member J. Artrip motions to adjourn the meeting; Board Clerk S. McMahon seconds the motion;
(Whereupon, the special meeting of the Black Canyon Fire District was adjourned at 5:35 p.m)

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 26th, 2017



Authorized Signature



Date

The complete packet of information from the Board meetings or portions thereof is available from the Administrative Office upon completion of a Public Records Request.

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