**INDEPENDENCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, August 23, 2021**

**5:30 PM**

Meeting at the Fire Station (please social distance & wear a mask if you have not

been vaccinated)

1. Bring meeting to order.

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1. Public Comment.

At this time, any member of the public may make comments

during this scheduled period, but no action will be taken.

1. Discussion Items
   1. Fire Chief – Resolution to amend costs we charge for fire calls to charge the OES base rate, to align the rates we charge. The cost to members of the Fire District does not change. Will bring a final draft Resolution before the Commissioners when completed.
   2. Fire Safe Council report- The Chief will report.

* 1. Asst. Chief-
  2. Other discussion –
  3. Budget Report – J. Odum

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2021

Fire District: $350,448

Ambulance: $ 52,174

ACO: $ 116008

Wildland: $ 23,391

\*There still may be a few more expenses from last fiscal year that will come out of the above balances. Not any big amounts.

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Fund Balance as of July 31, 2021

Fire District: $290,198

Ambulance: $ 52,744

ACO: $ 166,008

Wildland: $ 21,567

Reminder, $6,394 of the Fire District Operating budget is from the Fire Safe Council that has not yet been spent.

1. Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from June 14, 2021 meeting.

Approve estimated expenditures (rounded)for June, 2021 in the amount of $13,983 (Operating), $2,181 (Ambulance) and $12,269 (Wildland)

Significant expenditures for June, 2021 Operating budget: $1,103, Unemployment; $863, Millers Towing; $669, Audit costs; $1,400 for towing engine truck to Sparks; $569, DWP; $617, DWP; $1,605 fuel

Significant expenditures for June, 2021 Ambulance budget: $531, TLV for ambulance billings; $1,246, Life Assist for stocking ambulance supplies & cardiology scope

Significant expenditures for June, 2021 Wildland budget: $12,269 Personnel expense for mutual aid Robinson fire on 8/18/21, slink incident from 8/30-9/3/21 & one more person for the Calvert incident on 3/1/21 mutual aid.

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:

June 2021 $20,812 taxes, $475 & 4th quarter interest

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:

June 2021 $5,385 Ambulance billings, $73 interest

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:

June 2021 $22,234 Mutual aid

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Approve expenditures (rounded)for July, 2021 in the amount of $65,374 (Operating), $-0- (Ambulance) $1,823(Wildland)

Significant expenditures for July, 2021 Operating budget: $3,186 Workers Comp; $6,933 to Smiths power for transmission repair on #2211; $50,000 yearly transfer to ACO budget

Significant expenditures for July, 2021 Ambulance budget: There were no significant expenditures for July.

Significant expenditures for July, 2021 Wildland budget: $1,693 Personnel expense for mutual aid for Robinson Fire

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:

July 2021 $-0-

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:

July 2021 $25, Ambulance billings

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:

July 2021 $-0-

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

1. Authorize the Chief to advertise for sealed bids, the sale of surplus Water tender equipment as follows: Call sign WT2230, 2021 Freightliner, Lic.# 1584026, VIN#3ALACYFEXMDMP9011 & Call sign WT2231, 1990 GMC, Lic. # 1256656, VIN#1 GDM7D1F2LVS03524. Preference will be given to other firefighter organizations. Minimum bid would be $1,000 for each one.

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

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1. Request Board accept the 2004 Type 3 Wildland engine, International 7400, BME Model 62, 4 X 2, Miles approx. 120,587, Automatic, Diesel, DT530 8.7L, VIN:1HTWCADNO4j020149; 500 gallon tank, from Cal Fire FEPP program an no cost to the district; *AND*

Authorize the Chief to obtain quotes for the painting and lettering of above vehicle, and any lights/radios that may need to be done.

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

1. Amend the 2021-2022 Independence Fire Operating Budget 832001 by increasing expenditures in object code 5171, Maint of Equip. - labor by $6,933 to cover the cost of the transmission repair of Vehicle 2211 and ratify payment to Smith Power Products in the amount of $6,932.68, made on 7/13/21, Inyo County Warrant #416289. This was approved by the Commissioners previously on May 21, 2021, but since the work was not completed until July, 2021, the amount previously approved for the budget did not carryover to the new Fiscal Year. The off-setting revenue will come from fund balance

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

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1. Amend the 2021-2022 Independence Fire Operating Budget 832001 by increasing Object Code 5655 Vehicles by $19,382 for DMV fees for the new water tender. This expense was previously approved and budgeted, but again, we crossed into a new fiscal year and the vehicle was not registered until July 19, 2021, *AND*

Approve payment to the Independence Volunteer Fire Department from Budget 832001 Independence Fire Operating, Object code 5655 Vehicles in the amount of $19,382, as they wrote the check for the DMV fees in order to expedite the licensing of the vehicle so it could be put into service sooner. Copies of proof of payment from the Volunteers to the DMV attached.

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

1. Approve the Independence Fire Protection District to purchase yearly either a single membership or 1 family membership (for all household members) of a current member of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department. The current group pricing is $65 per family. The criteria would be as follows:

Qualified members include:

* For the initial year, all members on the current roster, Commissioners and Secretary, and student firefighters qualify.
* After the initial year, any member who has completed the 6-month probationary period (including Commissioners, Secretary and student firefighters) will be eligible for these benefits. If probation is not completed by submittal of the invoice for payment, the person must wait until next year to receive the benefits.

Members must attend a minimum of 50% of meetings and 50% of the previous year’s calls to qualify for the next years benefits.

Members who are interested in this benefit must complete the Enrollment Application Form and submit it to the Chief by a specified date. The Chief will count the applications, and notify the Membership Manager the number of applicants, and receive an invoice to submit for payment.

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This purchase would be for this and future budget years until at which time the Commissioners take action on an agenda item to discontinue it. The payment would be made from the Independence Fire District Operating budget 832001 object code 5043(or other object code as the Auditor’s office determines) *AND*

Amend the 2021-2022 Independence Fire Protection District Operating budget 832001 by ***decreasing*** Object Code 5265 by $2,550 and ***increasing***Object code 5043 Other Benefits. That $2,550 was already budgeted for reimbursement of policies that were approved by the Commissioners 3 years ago.

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

1. Set day & time for next meeting.

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed:

X. Adjourn meeting

Motioned by: Seconded:

Ayes: Noes: Motion passed: