

Moab Valley Fire Protection District Commission Meeting

45 South 100 East, Moab Utah 84532

Tuesday March 17, 2026- 4:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jim McGann at 4:02 p.m.
2. Commissioners Present: Commissioner Jim McGann, Commissioner Charlie Harrison
3. Staff Present: Chief TJ Brewer, Administrator Cathy Bonde, Battalion Chief Brandon McGuffee (joining after meeting began)

B. General Business:

1. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Harrison motioned to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026 meeting, which included the public hearing on impact fees. Commissioner McGann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Citizens to Be Heard – None present.
3. Commission Member Disclosures – No disclosures necessary.
4. Approval of Bills – Commissioner McGann asked about the bill for Liberty Mountain. Cathy stated some members are ordering ropes equipment from Liberty Mountain and that the cost will be deducted from their meeting pay. Commissioner Harrison motioned to approve the bills, Commissioner McGann seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Chief's Report:

1. The department currently has 33 members.
2. We have several bids on a UTV. They are coming in between \$42,000.00 and \$45,000.00.
3. We are preparing for an ISO site survey. We are currently at a 4 and hope to move to a 3. Discussion was had on ISO and what goes into the rating.
4. Captain Shea Walker and Cody Thurlo went to Texas on a resource order. We just received another one to Nebraska but declined due to scheduling with Team Rubicon in town.
5. Chief Brewer encouraged commissioners to visit the City Springs site while Team Rubicon is in town to see the work being done. He added that Battalion Chief McGuffee has been going to restaurants and businesses to get dinners and snack foods donated for Team Rubicon. If food is not provided, it comes out of Team Rubicon members own pockets. The task was assigned elsewhere in the county but they did not

follow through, so Brandon has been successfully rounding up donations at the last minute.

6. The deputy chief interviews have been going well. We will be going into round two of the interviews with three very strong candidates.
7. The trainings with Sean Gray from Cobb County, Georgia was a great success. This training was less expensive than sending a small number of members to winter fire school, and more of our members were able to participate. Firefighters from La Sal, Spanish Fork, and Springville also participated.

D. Ongoing Business:

1. San Juan County Annexation – Chief Brewer sent an email to Mack McDonald to spark continuing the conversation.
2. REMS Team – Chief Brewer said we are in the process of getting quotes for equipment. Commissioner McGann asked if we are looking at grants, and Chief Brewer stated we have not found any yet that would apply to these needs.
3. Dispatch Fees – Discussion was had on the county wanting Moab Fire to pay dispatch fees. A concern is that the county wants to put fees in the general fund, and we would want assurance the fees go back into dispatch. Commissioner McGann said it would be good to know how the county is funding dispatch now and how much money they are putting into it. Cathy said she would look at the county's approved budget to see if they delineate dispatch as a separate line item.
4. Impact Fees – Cathy stated she followed up with Cody Deeter on a few questions and wanted to share that information with commissioners.

Cody Deeter clarified that in the event we choose to increase or decrease impact fees, we do not need to hold a public hearing. We can do that by a simple majority vote of the commission.

We do not need to wait the 90 period before impact fees can be collected before we contract to buy a piece of equipment. We can now do that at any time.

The commercial impact fee does not all apply to equipment. It is based on the residential impact fee, and that portion of the commercial impact fee must go to the residential use which is facilities. The commercial impact fee is \$1,704.00 with \$1,200.00 being the residential base, so only \$504.00 of the commercial impact fee can go toward equipment. Commissioner McGann stated that makes us top heavy on facilities and short on equipment. Further discussion was had on impact fees and the department's needs.

Cathy will follow up with the Grand County on the MOU to collect impact fees on our behalf.

E. Future Considerations:

1. Chief Brewer stated it would be advantageous to have a strategic budget workshop in the near future.
2. Chief Brewer shared with commissioners he was contacted by Acela Truck, formerly known as Bridger Fire, where we purchased Engine 6-3. They are building a new prototype called Dispatcher 4x4 out of the pick-up style Jeep. They are coming to Moab and asked if they could use our logo on the piece of equipment. Chief Brewer gave them authorization to use our logo. Commissioner McGann asked if it was just while they were here, and Chief Brewer said that was his understanding. He said we would do a social media push to inform the public it is not our vehicle, just a promotion with the company.

I. Adjourn:

1. Commissioner McGann adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Archie Walker, Chair

Attest: _____

Catherine Bonde, Clerk