

North Summit Fire District  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015  
7pm  
Coalville Fire station  
86 E. Center Street  
Coalville, UT 84017

Roll Call – Board members Gale Pace, Melvin Richins, Arlin Judd, Marcy Hansen, Dick Butler. Chief Ken Smith, Mark Robertson, Tyler Rower, Marc Giauque

Review and approve minutes from December meeting. Motion to approve notes, passed.

Operations - Chief Smith. The chief reported the district had 32 runs for December, six of which were false alarms at the middle school. He said over all there were 236 reported runs for 2014. He also informed the board the district was planning to purchase a used Suburban to assist with patient transport out of snowy areas in Tollgate canyon. He stated that there had been two times in the last month when the ambulances had trouble. The Suburban is a 1999 model, with 116,000 miles. He stated they should be able to equip it for about 2500 more dollars, so an overall cost of about \$5000. He told the board it would also serve as the primary first-out vehicle in Tollgate as well as emergency transport for patients. Marcy Hansen asked if there was money in the budget for the purchase. Chief Smith stated there was money in the contingency fund for that, plus he stated there is extra money from the sale of a chassis.

Chief Smith also stated the budget had included \$25,000 for the purchase of a state surplus brush truck. Instead, the district plans to purchase an old ambulance chassis and equip it for brush fire response for \$8000.

The Chief addressed a number of other budget items including looking for data terminals and computers for vehicles, and a large water truck that was donated to the district. He stated the district helped facilitate the appraisal.

Marcy Hansen asked if Brett Jones would still be working as a Fire Marshall for the district, as he now has a new job. Chief Smith stated he's working with the County to have them do much of it. Marc Giauque stated in the mean time they would want to have someone else sign off on any paperwork related to Big Sky – which is now his employer. Chief Smith said the brewery at Big Sky, by the way, was set to open in February and that they plan on doing a walk-through of the facility for training.

Chief Smith also discussed with this board a proposed pilot program to pay a chief officer to be on call duty 24/7 starting in June and a plan to have at least two firefighters on call during business hours during the summer. The on-call chief officer would be paid \$100/day and the on call firefighters would be paid \$50/day. He reported that calls have been on the rise. Board members asked various questions about the volume of calls and the nature of calls. They also discussed giving the firefighters duties to accomplish while on call. Chief Smith said it would be a great improvement of response time and thus improve overall response. He told board members there were 10 on the staff eligible to cover the shifts. He stated that the money was already in the budget for 2015. Arlin Judd stated that people may

question the logic of paying someone \$100/day to have the truck parked at their house versus having them spend part of their time at the station. Chief Smith said they could run into some labor law issues if they require certain things be done because it moves the job from being a stipend paid position to a part time position, but agreed it would make sense to have them with tasks to perform. He also stated they'd be required to be within 5 minutes of the station so many would have to be away from home anyway. He said if the pilot program goes well they'll continue, if not they'll change.

Dick Butler made a motion for Resolution 20150-1 to give preliminary approval to the pilot program, 2nd by Arlin Judd. Motion passed.

Review and approve expenditures - The board reviewed the list and had a few questions about some expenses. Mark Robertson explained that the district would like to replace some interior lighting in the bays at the fire stations to upgrade for energy efficiency. Marcy Hansen asked if the District were looking at solar options at all. Chief Smith stated they're looking at many options, especially when it comes to plans for the new station in Tollgate.

Arlin Judd made a motion to approve expenses, 2nd by Marcy Hansen. Motion passed. Other business

A motion to adjourn was made by Marcy Hansen, 2nd by Dick Butler. Motion passed.