

# Board of Commissioners Workshop

*March 14, 2007*

Jeff Cameron, Chairperson, called a special workshop of the Board of Commissioners to order at 3:34 p.m. on March 14, 2007, at the 701 Vine Street Conference Room. The following were present:

Commissioner Hallanger	Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Merritt	Commissioner Bergquist
Chief LaFave	Asst. Chief Headley
District Secretary Bouchard	EMS Administrator Ribelin
Section Chief Hembree	Section Chief McGovern
Deputy Fire Marshal Graham	Temp Volunteer Coordinator Yoder

## **Agenda:**

**Overview of Department:** Section 7 of the Organization Action Plan and the Preface with a new Organizational Chart were provided to the Board in their packets of information. These items reflect the current status of the department.

**Volunteer Program and Levels of Service:** Temp Volunteer Coordinator provided a Power Point presentation giving an overview of the volunteer program and desired goals in reworking that program. Chief LaFave also provided information related to this area.

Chairperson Cameron indicated we may be getting ahead of ourselves with the volunteer program if we don't have the facilities necessary to house the individuals as being planned.

**EMS Responses & Issues:** EMS Administrator Ribelin provided information to the Board regarding current issues with C2FR being the agency that is always expected to provide service when the remainder of the County does not have emergency medical services (ambulances) available. This has been an ongoing issue; Chief LaFave and EMS Administrator Ribelin will continue to work with AMR, Dr. Hoyt, and other agencies.

Chairperson Cameron recessed the workshop at 5:26 p.m. for dinner.

Chairperson Cameron re-opened the workshop at 5:34 p.m.

**Revenue Projections and Alternative Funding:** Chief LaFave discussed the differences between continuing with a Maintenance & Operations Levy and a Lid Lift after the current levy sunsets. The M & O levy requires a 60% supermajority while the Lid Lift requires a simple majority to pass. Also, the lid lift appears to project a little better cash flow than the levy based

on an assumption of a 5% increase in assessed valuation each year.

**Development/Funding Issues:** Deputy Fire Marshal James Graham reviewed a Power Point presentation regarding these types of issues and funding for future development causing call volume increases. The Board agreed there is a need to further pursue the information presented and get a better understanding of the process(es) involved and answer questions that were raised.

Brian Snure is giving a presentation that may be similar on March 29<sup>th</sup> to the County Fire Officials at Station 52 on Todd Road in Kalama at 6:30 p.m. Several of our Commissioners and Staff will be attending.

**Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. by Chairperson Cameron.*

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Chairperson

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District Secretary