CACHE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2018

The Cache County Fire District Board convened in a regular session on March 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cache County Historic Courthouse, County Council Conference Room, 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Fire District Board in Attendance:
Craig W Buttars – County Executive
David Erickson – County Council
Gordon Zilles – County Council

Members of the Fire District Board Absent:

Others in Attendance:
Rod Hammer - Cache County Fire Chief
Brad Hannig – Logan City Fire Chief
Jay Downs – Smithfield Fire Chief / Countywide Ambulance
Janeen Allen

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Buttars called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

> **ACTION: Motion was made by Zilles and seconded by Buttars to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 as written. The vote in favor was unanimous, 2-0, Erickson absent for vote**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FIRE DISTRICT EVALUATION
Chief Hammer has about 90% of the data collected and expects to have a rough draft of the evaluation by next month. Members of the evaluation committee are:

- Rod Hammer
- Jay Downs
- John Keller
- Troy Frederickson
- Jennifer Grewe
- David Erickson
- Jeff Young

ENGINE PURCHASE APPROVAL

Hammer received bids from 3 different companies for the engines that will be going to Lewiston, Richmond, and Wellsville. Rosenbauer came in with the lowest bid and met all the specifications.

The budget set aside for the engine purchases was $875,000 and the bid came in at $896,279.25. Cameron Jensen said that the additional cost can be covered because the Fire Department has underspent its budget the last two years and has around $53,400 available.

The County will pay for the chassis on delivery to the factory at a cost of $100,460. The remainder of the purchase will be due when the engines are delivered. Hammer has already budgeted $190,000 of the cost this year and will finance the rest through Zions for five years at a 3.25% interest rate. The payment each year will be about $190,000.

> **ACTION: Motion was made by Zilles and seconded by Buttars to approve the expenditure for the purchase and finance of three engines including the chassis. The vote in favor was unanimous, 2-0, Erickson absent for vote**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Concert Venues

Hammer said there have been some issues with Cherry Peak Resort because it was originally set up as a ski resort but has a summer concert series, as well. They tried to cover the series with special events permits, but there were a lot of safety requirements not met. Hammer added that the current Special Event policy is written more for bike races, not concerts. A fire with that many people would be catastrophic and Hammer was not sure how he could enforce fire code violations during these events.

Board members discussed this for some time. Buttars wondered if Weber County might have a policy Cache County could use as a pattern for a concert venue. Hammer said he will check to see what their policy is. He will also have crews up on the road clearing the brush in an effort to mitigate fire potential, but said he needed to bring this up as a matter of great concern because there is only one road in and out, and should there be a fire, the consequences would be disastrous.

Buttars said the Conditional Use Permit should be looked at again with the addition of the concert events and see what needs to be done with safety being the #1 concern.

Ability to Enforce Fire Code

Hammer raised the question, "How do you shut down a business until they comply with license requirements and code?"

Chief Hannig said he uses other agencies such as Building Inspection and Health Department to pull the Business License. Downs added that once the license is pulled, the business is fined every day it operates without the license. So, the target is to have the license pulled until the business becomes compliant.

A discussion followed centered on moving the Business Licensing from the Clerk's Office to the Development Services Office which seems to make more sense because the Clerk's Office has no enforcement policy or authority.

Hammer noted that based on State Law, the County can be sued for not enforcing its codes.

More discussion followed with the conclusion that the Fire Department should work with the City the business is in for enforcement, and for non-compliant County businesses, work with Development Services on an enforcement policy.

Buttars said he would like to sit down with the Clerk's Office and the Attorney's Office to determine what, if any, enforcement policy is in place and what needs to be done to bring violating businesses into compliance.

COUNTY HAZMAT TEAM
Hammer said a County Unified Hazmat team has been put together with Cache County and Logan City volunteers that are affiliated with Fire Departments. There are some outside specialists he would like to bring onto the team in an advisory role because of their technical ability and expertise with hazardous materials. He wondered if he had to make them County employees in order to cover liability.

Erickson suggested contracting with them and paying them a certain amount per hour consulting fee. That would take away the liability from the County. Hammer said he will follow up on it.

APPRECIATION VISITS
Hammer distributed a schedule for the visits.

OPEN ITEMS

- Hammer said they have hired three seasonal employees to do fuels mitigation work. They will work from the first of June to the first of October. The County's part of the state Risk Assessment is $50,000, and these workers will be paid from that fund. The employees are already working as volunteers in the County.
- Chief Hannig negotiated with Logan City to put in a septic system for the Training Building. Hammer has had an engineer design it and right now they are just waiting for things to dry out.

NEXT MEETING

May 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.