

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**BASALT & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2011**

President Guion called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Robert Woods, John Young and Ed Van Walraven. Other present were Chief Scott Thompson, Deputy Chief Peetz, Bill McEnteer, Attorney Greg Hall and Secretary Jennifer Lemke.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 9, 2010 meeting were presented. Director Woods moved, Director Young seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Public in Attendance: There was no public in attendance

Director Young moved, Director Woods seconded, to adopt Resolution No.1, Series of 2011, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Basalt & Rural Fire Protection District establishing the location for posting notices of the Board of Directors meetings. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief's Report: Chief Thompson presented the Board with a request to purchase a new Lifepack 15. The purchase would be part of a grant that several other agencies were participating in and the acquisition would be a net cost of no more than \$15,000 to the District. The total cost of a new Lifepack 15 was approximately \$38,000 so this would be a significant savings for the District. Discussion. Director Young moved, Director Van Walraven seconded, to approve the purchase based on receipt of grant money for the Lifepack 15. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Thompson presented a proposal from Pinnacle Consulting Group for an informational session on the merging of Carbondale Fire and the District. Discussion. There was significant concern related to the presence of Attorney Dino Ross and whether the extra cost associated to his participation was warranted. Discussion. Director Woods moved, Director Young seconded to move forward with organizing a meeting with the addendum that the Board would like to see a detailed agenda before committing to the contract at the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Thompson noted that he was meeting with the Pitkin County Commissioners regarding the fire codes was scheduled for February 22, 2011.

Financial Report: Jennifer reviewed the current status of the 2010 Budget and audit. Jennifer presented the Board a 1st reading of the Supplemental Budget for 2010. Due to cash flow issues, the expenditures exceeded the amount originally budget and to forgo a budget violation, the 2010 Supplemental Budget would be submitted for adoption at the February meeting.

Jennifer presented the 2010 Ambulance write of list to the Board of Directors. Jennifer stated that each year the Board was faced with the task of writing off uncollectable accounts. Due to factors including the current economic state of the valley, the amount requested is \$109,881.73. Jennifer further pointed out the 75% of this number is due to patients that had no insurance, made no effort to resolve their account, and were not going to pay. Jennifer presented the Board with the option of sending overdue accounts to collection. Discussion. Jennifer clarified the only accounts to go to collection would be private pay accounts in arrears over 90 days. Director Young moved, Director Woods seconded, to accept the write off amount of \$109,881.73. The Board then further discussed the collection agency suggested by staff. Attorney Hall was directed to review the contract and give his legal opinion. Director Young moved, Director Woods seconded to approve the policy of sending private pay patients in arrears over 90 days to collections and to use the agency recommended by staff, Advantage Group, after a positive legal review of the contract by council. Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Hall informed the Board he was in the midst of studying for the Nevada Bar exam. He intends to keep his presence in Colorado but will, upon passing the bar also practice in Nevada with his father's law firm.

Committee's:

Community Affairs: N/A
Audit/Finance: N/A
Code Adoption: N/A
Capital/Planning: N/A
Government Affairs: N/A

Board Member Comments: Several board members commented on the annual dinner and thought it was a good choice.

Staff Comments: N/A

Training Opportunities: N/A

Director Young moved, Director Woods seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.