SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 62
May 6, 2010

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Rickert and Freitas present with Commissioner Fossos present via conference call. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fossos.

Commissioner Gates noted that all Commissioners are present in person or via conference call.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Thompson had no comments.

Commissioner Fossos had no comments.

Commissioner Gates noted that the reason for the Special Meeting today is to discuss and possibly purchase additional apparatus. This was an agenda item for next weeks Budget, Finance & Audit Committee meeting and it would have been discussed at the May 20th Regular meeting but the Manufacturer was running out of 2009 engines, and the 2010 engines would have been a significant increase in price. This basically speeds up the process and guarantees we will get the engines we want.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF APPARATUS
D/C Knorr reported on the our seven (7) oldest engines, we have 1 - 1992 Engine, 2 - 1993 Engines, 1 - 1994 Engine and 3 - 1995 Engines; he also discussed the amount that we have spent repairing the engines due to their high mileage. He added that the LTGO Bond that was written to purchase the property on 320th and apparatus. We were able to save some money in paying off the 320th property early and we were also able to secure some significant discounts with the manufacturer if we purchase 3 apparatus, so we would use the 2.1 million in the LTGO account and we would need approximately $150,000 from capital reserves for the balance. Fleet Supervisor Steve Denton held up a seal from one of the older engines and he stated that this seal used to cost us $100 - $150 now the parts are obsolete and the cost between $900 - $1,000, so as you can see the repair costs are going up dramatically. He also added that they are starting to see things go wrong, that they normally don't see and our older engines are failing emissions tests, which causes some additional work and funds to be spent on the apparatus. A/C Plumlee added that the department had applied for a federal grant for the purchase of apparatus, but we have received word, that the application was denied.

Commissioner Thompson expressed concern with the age of the apparatus, that we are behind the curve and that maybe we need to reassess where we are so we don't get caught in this situation again.

Commissioner Rickert was concerned that an aerial will be used as a truck.

Commissioner Fossos noted that he prefers an aerial over a quint.

Commissioner Freitas had a few questions;

- Does this mean we will be hiring additional personnel? A/C Plumlee answered - no, we are replacing apparatus
- Will there be any additional costs for training? D/C Knorr answered - no additional costs, it will be part of our 2011 training schedule.
- Are there any other costs that will affect our budget? A/C Plumlee answered – no

After some additional discussion, Commissioner Fossos noted that he supported the resolution. A/C Plumlee read Resolution #459 Authorizing the expenditure of the remaining balance in the Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Fund for purchasing two (2) engines and one (1) ladder truck with a pump and authorizing the Fire Chief/Administrator to augment the bond funds from available Reserve Funds up to $150,000. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve Resolution #459. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gates thanked everyone that worked on this.

Commissioner Thompson added that legislatively, we should work on the emissions issues for fire departments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1704 hours.

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