

# Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

## August 13, 2008

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Chairperson Gail Schmidt called the Pennington County Fire Service Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the EOC Room in the basement of the County Courthouse. Members present were: Denny Gorton, Anthony Carbajal, Steve Keegan, Gail Schmidt, Kendall Kjerstad, Leah Thibeau, Paul Johnson, Jim Light, Ray Bubb and Joel Stephens. Guests Brent Kolstad, SDOEM; Adam Scott, Penn Co. Radio Tech and Thomas Jaros, WDTI.

**PAST MEETINGS MINUTES:** Motion Johnson, and second Carbajal to approve the July 9, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

**BUDGET REPORTS:** Motion Johnson, and second Keegan to approve the budget.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pro-Active: (Tjaden, Chair; Stephens, Carbajal)

- a. Rockerville is in the process of doing some modifications on the department Type III Engine, preparing it for the gel system install. There will be 2 hose reels coming off the trucks that the department is not sure what to do with. Motion Johnson to approve Rockervilles modifications with the understanding that the hose reels be made available to departments that could use them, Second Keegan. Motion carried.
- b. Kjerstad is ready to receive the surveys and tally up the results. Thibeau said that the survey will be removed from the website and will gather all the information to pass on to Kjerstad.

Vehicle Replacement: (Chair, Keegan)

- a. Wildland Fire Trucks – Nothing at this time

Accident Review: (Schmidt- Chair, Light, Johnson)

- a. Accident Reports – Nothing at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Communications Update: Gorton reported that Doug Pavel will be retiring as Dispatch Director effective the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. The user's board will be looking into a replacement for that position sometime in the later future.

County Shared fire vehicle maintenance personnel: Gorton reported that there had been some budget changes for the city that may effect the starting of this program on the city side. There was discussion about hiring a part time person, no benefits, with own tools and to work some weekends. Motion Schmidt to continue to pursue an employee to work on a part time basis, second Carbajal. Motion carried.

Residential Sprinklers: Gorton mentioned that he has met with Tim Billings and Bill Knight regarding the need for sprinkled homes. Everyone that we have spoken with seems to be on board and likes the idea of going ahead with the idea of putting together a sprinkler ordinance for structures over 3500 square feet.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners Report: Nothing at this time.

Emergency Management Report: Nothing at this time.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Nothing at this time.

Other: Gorton handed out the current Pennington County 9-1-1 SOP for severe weather watches and warnings and would like the group to review them for any changes. Carbajal mentioned that the Emergency Management office had just completed making changes as well. Motion Schmidt to delete 5 E & G from SOP # 34 and to eliminate paging volunteer fire departments for weather watches. It was also agreed to page the VFD's for the Hills and Prairie fire danger for extreme and red flag conditions, second Keegan. Motion carried.

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**NEW REQUESTS:** Adam with the Pennington County Radio Shop would like to attend the next available Zetron 2000-series paging terminal class. The class would help analyze the current Zetron 2200 programming and improve it, as well as ensure that any add-on capabilities are programmed correctly. The next available class will be November 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> in Redmond Washington. The total cost for the class, lodging, rental car and flight is approximately \$1,340.00. Motion Johnson to approve up to \$2,000 to send Adam to the Zetron Training class, Second Keegan. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion Carbajal, second Keegan to adjourn. Carried.