

SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

The Board of Directors of the Kearney Fire & Rescue Protection District met in regular session at the Kearney Fire Station, 201 E. 6th Street, at 6:37 P.M. on August 15, 2011. Members present were Todd Gustafson, Mike Maher, Ted Jacques, Kim Murphy and Chastain Parks. Chief Pratt and Deputy Chief Pratt were also present.

Director Gustafson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Director Murphy to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 meeting and the consent agenda which included paid bills and unpaid bills. Director Jacques seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Attached

Chief Pratt will schedule an appointment for members of the Board to meet with John Graham regarding internet based performance evaluations.

Deputy Chief Pratt updated the Board on the progress of the new engine and tanker. Tanker delivery should be by September 6 and the Engine is still on track for mid September. Chief Pratt reported he is planning an open house in October to introduce the public to the new trucks and the finished basement.

Chief Pratt reported that the loose equipment bids were opened at 2:00 today with Director Gustafson present. The bid specifications included an option by the District to purchase all loose equipment from one bidder or select individual pieces of equipment from any bid submitted. Five bids were received and opened. Bids were received from Schuhmacher; Feld Fire; Heiman Fire; MES; and from Nichols. Deputy Chief Pratt and the committee reviewed the bids. It was determined that approximately \$4000 could be saved in the purchase of all loose equipment put out for bid by splitting the purchase among three different bidders – Schuhmacher, Feld and MES at a cost of \$38,328. The committee also recommended the purchase of the power plant that runs the extracation tool be purchased direct from the single source provider Hurst for \$10,500. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Director Murphy to award the bids as recommended by the committee; seconded by Director Parks. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Director Murphy to open the hearing for setting the 2011 tax levy and seconded by Director Maher. Motion carried. Chief Pratt presented the 2011 tax levy information as follows: .5169 for general; .3000 for ambulance; .0300 for centralized dispatch; debt service levy remains the same. Director Murphy made a motion to set the 2011 tax levy as presented by Chief Pratt and to authorize Chairman Gustafson to execute the necessary documents. Director Maher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the annual Ethics Ordinance and using the version Director Murphy obtained from the Missouri Ethics Commission website. Motion was made by Director Murphy to adopt "An Ordinance of the Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials" and authorize Director Gustafson and the Secretary to execute the document. Motion was seconded by Director Maher. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting date was set for Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Director Jacques is reviewing information regarding the concrete replacement needed at the front pad and a section at the rear of the station.

Chief Pratt prepared a memorial plaque he plans to present to the Matt Mason family. He also plans to incorporate a duplicate to be displayed with the piece from the world trade center.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Director Murphy and seconded by Director Parks. Motion carried.

Approved: _____
Todd Gustafson, Chairman

Attest: _____
Rhonda Fort, Secretary