

Public Meeting of the Vernon Fire District Board Minutes

March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Vernon Public Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Time 19:00
2. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Tony Anderson, Jodie Humphrey, Steve Miller, Sara King, Steve Coombs all present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER** - Fire Chief Niehuis led the prayer.
4. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** – David Romero, Chief Deputy of the Apache County Treasurer's Office was recognized as guest speaker.
5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Loraine Vaught stated she was pleased with the spirit of cooperation between the Board and Staff she has witnessed recently, and she supports item 8.C., the procurement of a new Command Vehicle. Sarah Schaffer, as a member of the Vernon Community Park Committee, informed all attending of the Easter Egg Hunt details planned for April 8, 11am at the Park.
6. **REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Chair Summary – Chair, Steve Coombs, announced a Budget Workshop scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 9:30am at the upstairs room at the Vernon Fire Station #1. Chair Coombs turned over the rest of the Summary time to Director Miller to give a remembrance and tribute, for Dorothy O'Donnell, past Board Member, who passed away February 2, 2017. (attached)
 - B. Chief's Report and Discussion - Chief Niehuis gave his Report. No discussion. (report attached)
 - C. Financial Report and Discussion – Barbra clarified for Chair Coombs that the monthly end balance in the report included only County funds. Director King pointed out the \$50,000 error in the ending and beginning balance in the report between November and December. Barbra will correct.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA** – As requested by Director Humphrey, item A. was pulled to be considered at the next Board Meeting on April 8, 2017, so the comments given in the Call to the Public may be added to the minutes. Motion to approve Item B. and C.: Director Miller, 2nd Director Anderson. Vote: unanimous "Yes", passed.
 - A. BAI-032817-001 Approval of February 28, 2017 minutes – Item pulled
 - B. BAI-032817-002 Approval of March 8, 2017 minutes
 - C. BAI-032817-003 Motion that the Board has received and reviewed the Financial Report for February 2017.
8. **BUSINESS**
 - A. **BAI-032817-004 Motion to approve the June 30, 2016 (Audit) Vernon Fire District Financial Statements.** Discussion will include the attendance by James H. Saunders, CPA, by telephone conference to present his report and answer questions. Questions from Board members answered after report given. Motion to approve the Financial Report by Director Anderson, 2nd Director Humphrey. Vote: unanimous "Yes". Passed.
 - B. **Discussion/Mini Work Session with Apache County Treasurer's Office, Chief Deputy David Romero**, to discuss and answer questions concerning the services provided to the Vernon Fire District by Apache County. Many questions from all the Board members led to very informative and in depth discussions surrounding the services offered to the District.

A 5minute break called at 20:47, Meeting resumed at 20:55
 - C. **BAI-032817-005 – Discussion and possible action to select the vendor, and approve the purchase of a new command vehicle in accordance with the quotes received.** Discussions involving Chief Niehuis, Captain Wright, Captain Noffz, and the entire Board surrounded the details of the offers, the need for a replacement vehicle, and the financial impact to the District. Motion to select Show Low Ford vendor for the purchase of the new Command Vehicle for the price of \$37,391.15, by Director Anderson, 2nd Director Humphrey. Vote: unanimous "Yes". Passed.
9. **NEW AGENDA ITEMS** – Director Miller requested a Board discussion for a future Board workshop for the development of a VFD Board Strategic Plan which would include a discussion of new information about ISO ratings and the use of Station #2.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Director Miller, 2nd Director Anderson. Vote: unanimous "Yes". Adjournment at 21.33.