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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

NEW BUSINESS

- A** [15-0141](#) CONSIDERATION OF A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$967,377 TO PAY FOR THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF SIX FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS.
Presented by: Larry Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request.
- Chief Tavis Leake, Chief Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioner and said, "Before you is a Safer Grant. Right now the Fire District is short six positions. So the SAFER Grant would help fill positions for approximately two years. So I am asking this morning to grant approval for this grant and I am open to answer any questions you may have."*
- Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn"*
- Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Chief, if we approve this today, how long would it take for the grant to take effect if it was approved by what federal agency?"*
- Chief Leake said, "Department of Homeland Security."*
- Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. If we did go down this road, when would we find out that we either got it or didn't get it?"*
- Chief Leake said, "I believe its June of this year that we would find out if we could get the grant. Then sometime after that we would start to hire the personnel and begin the training sessions and then actually have them working."*
- Commissioner Peterjohn said, "What would happen at the end of the grant period?"*
- Chief Leake said, "At the end of the grant period, we would see if we were available to keep those, if we had positions open, if we had some retirements, we would hold onto those six positions basically. I'm sorry, let me correct that. We would still be short six people."*

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "We would still be short six people."

Chief Leake said, "Correct."

Chief William Buchanan, County Manager, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioner, if I could add, the plan is the individuals may be kept on that department. If the grant goes away and we do not have sufficient funds to retain six more people, then we would have to have those positions become vacant. So we would be back to six being short after the grant period."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. So if the grant period starts June 1st, that would be the period in which they would go through training first, right?"

Chief Leake said, "That is correct."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "And that would last how long?"

Chief Leake said, "It would last approximately 10 weeks."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "If we approve this today, how long until we find out if we get it or not? We haven't applied for it before, and I have concerns about some of the federal restrictions that can come in place. I don't know to keep the spotted skunk out of the fire stations. Sorry to be a little flippant here. Been a long meeting day and I am just, I do want to get some more information on this item."

Chief Leake said, "That's fine. The award date is between June 1st and September 30th of this year so any time in between there."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "So we could find out, maybe after we get our budget approved for 2016, correct?"

Chief Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay. Well, that's problematical for me. Thank you, Chief Chair."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any other questions? Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Chief Chairman. So Chief, you and I spoke about some other ways to mitigate the six positions that are currently held open, and is it your intent that regardless of this grant money, we would employ some of those tactics to better public safety I guess, by employing those tactics to address the six shortages. Would we apply that regardless of the grant?"

Chief Leake said, "Commissioners, we can look at those, but those are only going to be temporary. They will be temporary fixes for a short time. But we can look at some other options as well to fill those positions."

Commissioner Howell said, "Until there's money available, they would potentially be employed and be in place, I guess, indefinitely, until there's other money to provide some other funding for the six positions."

Chief Leake said, "Correct."

Commissioner Howell said, "Is there some reason there is a time limit and we can't do that in perpetuity?"

Chief Leake said, "We could. We could start. Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "So it is your intention that we would engage some of those tactics regardless of this grant application."

Chief Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. So if I understand correctly, what we are doing right now, we are discussing the application for this grant, and that approval for that would happen around, you said, by June, we would have an answer?"

Chief Leake said, "Between June 1st and September 30th."

Commissioner Howell said, "Do we have a chance at that point to revisit this and choose to continue down this path, or even potentially reject it at that point?"

Chief Leake said, "Sure."

Commissioner Howell said, "Let me think of about this for a minute. Thank you very much."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton"

Commissioner Norton said, "Chief, have other jurisdictions close to us or in the state of Kansas applied for the SAFER Grant?"

Chief Leake said, "That's correct, yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Who was that?"

Chief Leake said, "My understanding was Wichita Fire did apply and did receive the grant."

Commissioner Norton said, "Last Year?"

Chief Leake said, "Last year, yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "As I understand, we missed the cut-off for applying last year."

Chief Leake said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Norton said, "But Wichita didn't, and they have applied that money to increase fire protection and staffing, is that correct?"

Chief Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Norton said, "Okay. That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Chief Chairman. In discussion of this, when we got briefed by staff, I heard that information and I have had conversation with some Commissioners about alternatives to bring our fire safety up to the level we want it to be by using part-time people and some of those alternatives, rather than applying for this grant. In the doing of that, and I think we responded to that a little earlier, but I mean, that is just a short-term fix in your opinion."

Chief Leake said, "One of the alternatives would be a short term fix that we had talked about previously, yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "But in the meantime, we would have full staffing?"

Chief Leake said, "We can use some of those other alternatives to have a full staff, yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "All right. The other alternatives have to leave in some other positions vacant; is that correct?"

Chief Leake said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So we are just shifting people around. I don't want to use the word stopgap measure, but we are moving people around to fill the holes to satisfy what we think is a genuine need in fire protection."

Chief Leake said, "Right, yes."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Okay. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you. Just following up, if we did use some part-time interns or reservists fire personnel to fill in the vacancies in our department and we did that in perpetuity, when those things are in place, would we still be qualified for this grant?"

Chief Leake said, "No. We would not."

Commissioner Howell said, "So if we are intending to employ those tactics immediately, as soon as possible, because this is a matter of public safety. We would have to employ those solutions as fast as possible, because we don't want to have an incident where we didn't have personnel in the right spot to provide public safety, so if we lean forward and put some of those things in place, we might not be qualified for this anyway."

Chief Leake said, "Right."

Commissioner Howell said, "Is there any way the people that do review of this application would know that we have employed some of these tactics and our situation has changed? Would they know that?"

Chief Leake said, "I don't think so."

Commissioner Howell said, "Would we inform them, let them know we don't have six positions open?"

Chief Leake said, "At that point we have to pull our names out, yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay, all right. Well, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "Do you know if there were any additional restrictions or additional regulations that come with this grant other than what is stated in the SAFER Grant? I mean, I have read through the information, it looks like to me that there was any increased regulations, increased restrictions or anything from the federal government, just to get more people on the street. It is kind of like the cops program a few years ago, just to increase and fill in gaps where local jurisdictions have it, is that safe to say."

Chief Leake said, "Yes. I am not aware of any other restrictions."

Commissioner Norton said, "If we move forward with this, which I am in favor of, in the immediate time can up get with the City of Wichita and make sure we understand that they didn't feel like they got any more restrictions or regulations or caveats that would either hinder or help them as far as the grant."

Chief Leake said, "Sure."

Commissioner Norton said, "I would like to know, since they have done it for a year now if there's any implications."

Chief Leake said, "I can do that."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Chief, let me make sure I understand it. If we go ahead and apply today and they get back with us by June 1st, which was the front end of the window, and you get the training, those firefighter recruits wouldn't be completing their training until probably the middle of September at the earliest, or could be as late as January, sometime in January of next year. Would that seem like a reasonable time frame?"

Chief Leake said, "Yes, sir."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "10 weeks? The question is, we got a lag time here, and I am wondering if there's other things we could do. I was hoping to get a list of options when we had some discussions on how we could help improve fire protection for Sedgwick County, and I know the SAFER Grant is item here. I am very much interested in the idea of trying to look at all our options, whether a reservist or part

timers, a lot of the groups that have fire departments we have mutual aid with I know are operating with folks in that venue, and if there is a way that we can, since the fire district has its own unique status, own unique separate mill levy and assessed value, it is part of the County, but it is not all of the County. We have got unique factors, that we have to take into consideration when we proceed down these roads. So I am concerned about the fact if we say we have gone ahead and done this, and this may preclude us from exploring reservists or part-timers or other options out there. I have some concerns in that regard, Chief, if there's anything you can clarify for me, I would appreciate it."

Chief Leake said, "Commissioner Howell mentioned that we could use the fire reserves and also we had talked about part-timers. Which was an extra board program we had years ago where we had part-time firefighters that would come in and help fill the void. That is something with approval that we can still do today. That would kind of help in that in between time where we are waiting to see if we are approved for the grant."

Chief Buchanan said, "Excuse me, Commissioners. It needs to be said that we look at the program and think the cost of that is \$160,000- 180,000 a year, that would increase the deficit in the Fire District over the next couple years. Now, we are going to examine another way in which we think we can fund it, it came up yesterday, but we haven't had the opportunity to do that. But whatever we do, it will be a fiscal note which would increase the fire district's deficit."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "My concern is that I remember back in the 190s the feds had a program where we are going to help local police departments and we are going to pay 100 percent of the cost of bringing a new police officer on, and then the second year was 75 percent, the third year 50 percent. By the end of the fourth year you were back down to zero and you either had to come up with the money at the back end. It might work out great if you were planning to expand your department anyway, but the concern I have with the grant is what happens if we apply for it, get it, bring the people on board and then end up not being able to renew it, and the cost, my understanding, they would provide us with this grant is over 400, wait a minute. For two years, a little over \$400,000 a year, if I am correct. Right, Chief?"

Chief Leake said, "Yes. Commissioner, during those times, too, we have people that are eligible for retirement. That's no guarantee that they will retire, but we look at those positions as a possibility, so we have some eligible retirements, several in the next two years."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Well, I think something needs to be done. I am not convinced this grant is the entire or perhaps the entire solution. I would like to look at everything out there and I am interested in hearing my colleagues' thoughts."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Chief Chairman. In order to satisfy the apprehension, we can still apply for the grant, we can hear these alternatives. If we are approved, we can deny that and go ahead with alternative plans."

Chief Leake said, "That's correct."

Commissioner Unruh said, "So it would seem we are increasing our options and, you know, standing up to our responsibilities the best we can with public safety to go

ahead and apply for the grant now, and then you can discuss with us alternatives, and we can either pull our application or deny it if we should get approved. But this whole staffing issue was a big discussion when we did the Fire District budget last time, and there were a lot citizens, a lot of folks saying, hey, we need more staffing out there than two folks. This is a solution for that, and it appears that through normal retirement, attrition should not be renewed, that we still have a way to manage that, it will not be detrimental to our operating budget. So I would suggest that we go ahead and apply for it right now, and then continue to have you present to us alternatives. We like that better and then we can choose that. That's all I have."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Chief, let me ask some questions. I know we have spent probably over two hours talking about this, analyzing this. So I want to clarify a few things. We apply for this grant, we may not get it, right?"

Chief Leake said, "That is correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So we are in the same spot we are."

Chief Leake said, "Right."

Chairman Ranzau said, "If we get it, it last two years. If we get it and we have attrition, we are still back where we were again. We are still short six guys?"

Chief Leake said, "Correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Either that, if we don't have enough attrition, we have to lay people off."

Chief Leake said, "Right."

Chairman Ranzau said, "On the timing, I just want to clarify, okay, we will find out June to September. I thought the money would be available in November, is that correct?"

Chief Leake said, "When I talked to Marty Hughes, the company had an internal order. As soon as we get our people trained or hired, we can start paying them. We send a receipt to the state and they reimburse us. As soon as we are ready we can start doing it."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I thought it might be until April until we get got people trained. Is that not right, Chief?"

Chief Leake said, "That was under the assumption that the money would come around November. Then it would take the training and then we would be looking at..."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Looking around January."

Chief Leake said, "Correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So regardless, if we apply for this grant, it doesn't take effect, I mean, we won't have the solution in place until January. And it still is a temporary fix, which I am concerned about. Now, when we had this discussion several months ago, I was under the impression we were going to have, maybe put together, and options

would be discussed and brought to the Commission. That's not the case. This is the only one. I have done some investigating, talking to the Chief, and there are a variety of options, some not so good, some better. This idea of an extra board, which we have had in the past, that could be a permanent part of our fire department. That would decrease as multiple benefits, I mean, it could help short-term, but if we expand, it could reduce personnel costs in the long run and give us a pool of qualified candidates that worked for us before in the past when we need full-time positions."

Chief Leake said, "That's correct. If the funding is there, you are absolutely right."

Chairman Ranzau said, "That could be a long-term program."

Chief Leake said, "Yes."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Now, some of the restructuring that was discussed, some of it could be permanent, some more temporary."

Chief Leake said, "Right."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We can mix and match those sorts of things."

Chief Leake said, "We can do that right now, some of the restructuring while we are waiting for approval, so those are options."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Now, if we restructure, I would argue that some of the restructuring that we could do could be permanent, because it is just about additional functions. But nevertheless, if we do that, and we fill those positions, then it will be eligible still for those, fill some positions but not all. Are we still eligible, even for those positions if we fill them?"

Chief Leake said, "Right. Because we are just restructuring for a temporary fix, so we are not actually filling those positions."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I am talking about restructuring for a permanent fix."

Chief Leake said, "Then at that point, no."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any positions we have done that with, and if we get to the point that we are able to, I mean, if we implement some of these long term permanent, then we are not eligible. The benefit of using some of these, we can do it almost immediately."

Chief Leake said, "That's correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "As opposed to waiting until January and then we control this ourselves, not wondering if or when we get money from the federal government."

Chief Leake said, "That's correct."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Yeah. Well, you know, I was happy to have the opportunity to speak to the Chief, and discuss, we talked a lot of things. A lot of what ifs, and I am disappointed that we didn't have this Commission, this discussion much sooner. I thought that's what we were going to do. This popped up. There was no discussion

about any of the solutions as far as the Commission was concerned before this. I think it would have been beneficial to discuss some of these beforehand, and I hope going forward we will do that more often.

"Personally, I am convinced that we can solve this problem organically and address this issue organically in a much more rapid and effective manner than hoping and waiting we get this grant, and then seeing what happens in two years. But that would be my preference, so we can control this. There is a lot of options out here, and I can't go into detail because I can't reduce a two hour conversation down into a few minutes, but based on the research and questions and answer the I got I think we can address this issue in a very effective manner and start addressing it virtually immediately. I think we can fill half the positions immediately. And then address some of the others, and implement some policy changes that I think will benefit us in the long run and has the potential to improve our financial situation in the fire department long term as well, and hopefully avoid the need to reduce position in the future anyway. I would argue that if we had been using this extra board all along, we had the potential to save significant money throughout the years and avoided this to begin with. We will never know because we didn't do it. Based on our conversations, that potential certainly is there. So that's my position, for what it's worth. I would empower the Chief to make some decisions. We still need to analyze things and decide the perfect course of action. Base on my research, I am confident we can solve this problem. Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I don't mind making the motion to go ahead and take the recommended action, apply for the SAFER Grant, and continue the conversation about alternatives, but I am totally ready to authorize at least applying for the grant. I know we are on a time restraint, which it will give us plenty of time before we find out to look at alternatives and be sure that if we going to make policy changes, we don't do it just because of this, but we are doing it because it makes sense."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton moved approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial considerations section of this request.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Howell."

Commissioner Howell said, "Thank you, Chief Chairman. Good conversation about this issue. I will tell you what, I appreciate several of the comments.

Commissioner Unruh said it is increasing options. I agree, I like having options. So I

do agree to the idea of applying for this, for that purpose only. The idea that this is a solution to the problem, I think that we have other options we need to reach towards immediately, and it is my hope that by the time this grant might be approved that we don't have an issue. So I think that in the effort to increase public safety to the maximum, as fast as possible, I think we need to lean in that direction as hard as possible. So Chief Leake, I would ask you to address two questions. If I support the idea of making the application today, I want your assurance to me that you will in fact support, I guess, the idea of using paid part-time paid interns and paid reservists to fill these holes as quickly as possible, and restructure the fire department in such a way we mitigate the shortages in the best possible way."

Chief Leake said, "Yes."

Commissioner Howell said, "Okay. I guess I am willing to support this under those terms, but, again, it is my hope that we would not depend on roller coaster funding. Roller coaster solution is not a good solution. Permanent solution is where we need to head, this is a core function of government. It is what we do as County Commissioners to make sure we have public services where it is needed at best levels possible. With efficiency and effectiveness, I think we have a way it do that with current resources. So I am going to be looking to you to lead us in that direction and encouraging you to not wait for the grant. Roller coaster funding is not a good solution, because it leaves us with the same problem down the road. And I do not want to go back to where we are right now. I think we need to have a permanent solution, and this temporary funding source is not really a good answer."

"I will also bring up the idea that federal government taxes us to enact enumerated powers. This is not their thing. We are \$18 trillion in debt as a country and this is the type of thing that local communities need to take on the responsibility to provide essential government services for themselves. I do not think that federal government has a role doing this. But if we look at the grants that are possible, this is one that actually is related to a core function of government, our people have essentially provided tax dollars to the federal government and to that extent I would like to get those back, if possible. But I don't want to wait for the solutions. I want to enact solutions immediately. I will support the motion for now but it is my hope that we will not need this grant. Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "I agree with Commissioner Howell. To make this brief, I would be very much interested in whether it is the City of Wichita Fire Department or any other Kansas or area fire departments that are using SAFER Grants. If we get additional information on them, Chief, I certainly would like to get updated as soon as possible and I want to look at all options to try and improve the Fire District. As the Commissioner, I believe I have the most square miles in the Fire District as any of the five of us up here. So it is a very important function that deserves full attention from this Commission, even if it doesn't cover every inch of Sedgwick County."

Chief Leake said, "Okay. I will get you that information."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Unruh."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you, Chief Chairman. Chief, I just wanted to clarify, we are doing this to improve and enhance our public safety services. We are not in a

crisis or have a huge gap in our services. I mean, someone watching this discussion might think that we are in a crisis situation."

Chief Leake said, "We are trying to improve our deployment. Right now we are short on our deployment and trying to get to full deployment."

Commissioner Unruh said, "Thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "I share Commissioner Howell's perspective. I think I am going to make a substitute motion to incorporate some things he said."

MOTION

Chairman Ranzau moved to approve the application for the grant, and if awarded, authorize acceptance of the grant and the establishment of budget authority as provided in the Financial Considerations section of this request. Also to instruct staff to include Chief Leake to come up with a plan and address this issue organically and to implement those policies he feels necessary and fill positions as soon as possible.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "I am going to be on the record, I am probably not going to support the substitute motion. I just didn't see any reason for us to have to go through that gyration. I think we had a rich enough conversation to guide the Chief to a make some recommendations to us outside of that. I probably won't vote for the substitute motion just because I think it wasn't necessary. I stand with the first motion that I made."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Any other comments?"

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Chairman Ranzau said, "Next item, please."

B [15-0153](#)

AGREEMENT FOR "AUTOMATIC AID" RESPONSE BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 7 AND SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Presented by: Lawrence Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the automatic aid agreement.

Chief Daniel Wegner, Sedgwick County Fire, greeted the Commissioner and said, "What you have you in front of you is an agreement for automatic aide for response between Butler County Fire District No. 7 and Sedgwick County Fire Distinct No. 1. This area basically includes the area of 29th Street North to Greenwich to County Line

East and County Line North. This agreement will augment our fire responses in that portion of Sedgwick County. My recommendation is to go ahead and sign the contract with Butler County and have the Chairman sign it."

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to accept the Automatic Aide Agreement.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Peterjohn."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me ask you a couple of questions. If we approve this, and I think we will, how many Automatic Aide Agreements will Fire District No. 1 have with other departments in our area."

Chief Wegner said, "Off the top of my head, I believe we have 13 Automatic Aide Agreements. This is the only fire department that I am aware of that we do not currently have an Automatic Aide Agreement with."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "That is adjacent with us?"

Chief Wegner said, "Yes."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Let me just ask, in terms of the number of fire calls that we had runs on last year, do you have any idea the total number of calls and if so, how many of those calls were in the Fire District or were automatic aide calls to outside the Fire District?"

Chief Wegner said, "The entire Fire District? I do not have those numbers in front of me. I know for this area we are talking about since 2013 we have had one fire call in that area. So I was prepared to talk about that area. As far as how many automatic aide responses we had with other departments, I do not have that in front me."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "When you say one, it was a case of us going to their aide."

Chief Wegner said, "That was actually in Sedgwick County where we received or would we would have been receiving automatic aide into our Fire District. I have not been able to get any data from Butler County of how many actual fire calls that we would have been contributing to."

Commissioner Peterjohn said, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Ranzau said, "Commissioner Norton."

Commissioner Norton said, "This is an Automatic Aide Agreement. Explain to me the difference between automatic and mutual aide agreements."

Chief Wegner said, "Automatic Aide is when the initial alarm comes in for a fire, we automatically go. We have agreed to what resources that we are going to send to that

department at that time. The State of Kansas has a mutual aid agreement where any jurisdiction can call us and request equipment for an incidence. This agreement also has the outcalls for us that if we do not have the resources available at that time, we won't deploy the resources. Same thing with them. If they are tied up with something and don't have the resources, all that it is going to do is augment what we are already are sending. It is not going to shorten what our initial responses are. It just gets another truck and equipment there to assist us."

Chairman Ranzau said, "So just to clarify, this is automatic response only for fires. Will you track the number of calls in the future?"

Chief Wegner said, "Yes we have that data. I just did not have the data for the Commissioner to tell you exactly what our automatic or mutual aid calls are for the last year."

Chairman Ranzau said, "We have a motion and a second. Seeing no other comments, please call the vote."

VOTE

<i>Commissioner Unruh</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Norton</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Howell</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Commissioner Peterjohn</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Chairman Ranzau</i>	<i>Aye</i>
Approved	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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