

Los Pinos Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting

December 9, 2024

Budget Hearing called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Preston Rea, Chelsea Hamilton, James Brown, Don Woodmansee, Tom Arthur, Josh Lorenzen, Jim Owens, Scot Davis, and Laura Rodriguez.

No attendance.

Regular Board meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Preston Rea, Chelsea Hamilton, James Brown, Don Woodmansee, Tom Arthur, Josh Lorenzen, Jim Owens, Scot Davis, and Laura Rodriguez.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2024 board meeting, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to pay the bills, seconded, and approved.

Public comment: None.

Events: Career Fair in April

Chief Davis: Volunteers: Three volunteers tested for FF1 JPR's and all passed. They are halfway through HazMat. Ty has his national registry complete, and Thomas Mallonee is getting ready for the National Registry test. Tom Bertus is a new volunteer which brings us up to 7 volunteers.

Fire Chiefs Report:

We are at 984 responses this year; we are up 9% from last year. We are certainly on track to crack 1,000 calls for service this year which will be the first year since 2018. Estimating 1037.

The November P&L is looking decent. We had hoped to see some more tax revenue come in, but it did not happen. We will see what the end of December looks like. We have a bunch billed out for Wildland fire revenue and grant revenue. We have the Create grant, DOLA for \$83,000 for the gaming impact grant and the ambulance grant. On December 18th we have the data box scheduled to be installed and then it can be put into service. The only carryover for the Capital will be the repair of the back of the cab on Medic 84. The box will go to the Community College in Mancos. They will remove it and use it for their EMS program. For the overall expenses we are just under 85% at the end of November.

The Board reviewed the ambulance fee schedule. This was also sent to the medical biller to review.

A motion was made to approve the ambulance fee schedule for 2025, seconded and approved.

2025 Budget: We have made several adjustments since the initial proposal in October. One of these is to the general property tax. We received the final evaluations from Archuleta and La Plata County. After the mill levy calculation, we are starting with \$2,814,434. Revenue stays fairly status quo as it has in years past. Very similar numbers to last year's operations. The 2025 budget and capital items were reviewed.

A motion was made to adopt the 2025 budget, seconded, and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget for 2025, seconded, and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution to Set Mill Levies for 2025, seconded, and approved.

7:20 Regular Session

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a negotiation matter as authorized per (e)24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators regarding the Southern Ute Tribe, seconded and approved.

7:20 Executive Session

7:48 Regular Session

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a negotiation matter as authorized per (e)24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators regarding the Oxford Grange, seconded and approved.

7:48 Executive session

8:09 Regular session

Don will contact the attorney for legal advice.

A motion was made to go into executive session authorized per (f) 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., "Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the executive session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees must request an open meeting.", seconded and approved

Regular session: 8:35

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Minutes approved by _____, President.

Preston Rea

January 13, 2025, Regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Station#1, 275 Browning Avenue, Ignacio, CO