

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION**

**April 7, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Frances Lechner. Ben Palm, Chief. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

**3. Discussion regarding 2014-2015 YFD budget.**

**A. Overall budget issues.**

Expenses:

Increased facilities/supplies/maintenance due to garage door, retrofit costs.

Increased equipment repair/maintenance, as some vehicles have not been maintained

Reduced EMS supplies due to donations

7220 -Grants: Safer- \$104,000 for this year

Possible \$200,000 grant from BLM for fuel abatement

Possible \$50,000 from USDA for a generator

Budget will be published in late April/early May for 30 days. Then the proposed budget will be sent to the county by May 18. Final deadline in July.

6040 Employee Benefits- comes from Safer Grant funds

6050 Training may come from Reserve

Engine 403- a newly loaned Type 3, will arrive next week.

Fuel expenses increasing.

6402- Uniforms- much of this from the Safer Grant

20 sets of turn-outs and wildland gear is due this week

6705- Water costs could increase.

6706- Trash- may increase with new companies taking over

Corrected and approved 4-7-14 Special Session Minutes

6607- all communication equipment coming will be new

7200- Non property tax income: All is projected. No idea of exact amount yet.

We charge for services only for out of district people . Not for local residents or their family members.

\$15,000 is the cost for fuel abatement. We will be reimbursed.

7020-7032- from donation/grant money

Safer grant is for volunteers. Plus a salary for a Safer administrator.

7701- Safer- We still need a breakdown on this area.

8107- - We need software due to new requirements. We will need to be paperless.

Switch 602001 to 8150. Contracted services.

8203 Insurance package. We may need to change this due to new memorial additions, such as restrooms.

We discussed the need to make the budget less confusing for the public. Also the board requested Budget numbers reflecting 2013 and 2014 comparisons.

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We allowed the public to speak before our executive session so they would not be delayed.

Pete Andersen- stated that we are not being transparent enough regarding details around the Fire. Frances stated that, due to Notice of Claims, we will need to wait “until the dust settles”, as per attorney instructions. The book that the Chamber is publishing will explain a lot.

LeRoy Anderson- He asked that we indicate our reasons for purchase of the ‘Bank Building’ in the Yellow Sheet. Why are we buying it. Where is the money coming from.

He also inquired about the status of hiring community volunteers. Arlon noted that we have for funds for this now. Ben reported that only one from town has applied. They need to come to talk to him. LeRoy complained that this is not “proactive”.

Arlon reported that we need organization to use the Grant money and also an administrator for this at this time.

Frances spoke of a contract with a doctor who will be using the ‘bank building’ on a 1-2 day/week contract for 5 years. He is already seeing 65 people from Yarnell.

Harold Gesser (Ziggy) wanted us to switch to a night meeting so more people could attend.

Arlon continued that there are lots of “pluses” relating to the new building- space for extra equipment, therefore a need to stretch the physical plant. Also, less expense from public

monies.

**B. Executive Session regarding THE PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING AT 22555 Hwy 89.**

a. Richard made a motion that we go into Executive Session at 11: 50 AM to discuss the contract for the purchase of 22555 S. State Route 89. Frances seconded. Motion carried by all.

b. Return to regular session at 12:22 PM

Richard made a motion that we accept the real estate contract as presented to us and proceed with the purchase of 22555 S. State Route 89. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 12:26 PM. The next regular session will be held on April 21, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ryan,

Yarnell Fire Board Secretary