

PENN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2006

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Grundel at 6:30 P.M. at Station 43. Hank Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PRESENT:

Directors: Kurt Grundel, Randy Casto, Roberto Garcia, Bob Webster and Hank Weston

Absent: None

Others: Chief Vander Plaats, firefighters and an auxiliary member.

Secretary-Clerk: Absent (minutes provided by Fire Chief)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AWARDING OF BID FOR A NEW AMBULANCE

Captain Wagner distributed and discussed information for replacement and upgrade of M-45. The District sent out the specifications to eight ambulance manufactures. We received two bids from Road Rescue and one from Medtec.

The document included a recommendation, background, details regarding items removed from the original specification, including individual prices, prepayment options, trade-in vs sale information, interior module finish, and rough pricing for a standard type 1 ambulance for comparison.

It was noted that equipment will be transferred to the new vehicle, so that expense outside of the contract will be mainly for newer enhanced radios. Installation of radios is included in the bid pricing, with final connections and power hook-up being done by Penn Valley personnel.

It was agreed to trade-in M-45, with the possibility of obtaining a higher price with inclusion of some older equipment. The option of doing final inspection when the vehicle arrives in Penn Valley was discussed, as well as the process and benefits of doing final inspection at the factory.

All the recommendations of staff were accepted by the Board with the exception of pre-payment for the vehicle. The two bids were discussed and compared.

Road Rescue bid amount, after making the adjustments, is approximately \$167,100. Hank Weston made a motion to award the bid to Road Rescue. Randy Casto seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DETERMINATION OF FUNDING FOR THE NEW AMBULANCE

Chief Vander Plaats discussed justifications for purchasing the new and upgraded ambulance with funds from the Impact Fund, as well as the Building & Equipment Fund. He noted increased call volume, and upgrading from a second-out response unit to a first-out vehicle. It was agreed that sufficient justification exists to charge a portion of the expense to the Impact Fund, and to make a conservative decision in allocating the share to be charged to that fund.

Hank Weston noted that a larger portion of the cost should be paid from the Building and Equipment Fund, in recognition of monies raised by the Auxiliary, and that a plaque should go on the unit stating that the purchase was made possible by donations from the Auxiliary.

Hank Weston then made a motion to charge \$93,500 of the expense for purchase of a new ambulance to the Building & Equipment Fund, with the balance of the cost to be paid from the Impact Fund. This payment plan represents approximately 55% from the Building and Equipment Fund and 45% from the Impact Fund. Roberto Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRE DISTRICT AND EMPLOYEE WAGNER

Chief Vander Plaats distributed the final contract document to the Board, noting a few minor changes and corrections. The employment agreement would promote Captain Wagner to the position of Battalion Chief, with a start date of April 10, 2006.

After discussion, Hank Weston made a motion to have Chairman Grundel sign the agreement. Bob Webster seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Vander Plaats
Fire Chief