

Pend Oreille County Fire Protection District No. 2
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners on April 7, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chair Rick Stone at 13:05 at the Administrative Office. Present were: Commissioners Stone, Durand and Norton, Chief Pollock, Deputy Chief Doughty, Captain Jody Rogers and Administrative Assistant Rumelhart.

Review Budget:

- The 2009 internal budgets were updated with current information. This resulted in less projected funds available for purchases.

Equipment Purchases:

- The need to purchase new narrow band radios to work with the updated communication system was discussed. The need to replace the Durango with the blown engine and the need for a newer fire engine to replace E24 were also discussed. The radio upgrade requires three phases:
 1. Mobile radios for the six front line vehicles currently without narrow band radios would cost \$1,551 + shipping.
 2. Handheld radios for 19 EMTs and the Station 22 Lieutenant would cost \$4,100 + shipping. The radios are not P25 compliant and will eventually be unusable, probably in 5 to 7 years. The P25 radios cost 10 times as much.
 3. Base stations for all four stations with inverters would cost \$1,400 + shipping.

Commissioner Norton moved to purchase radios for phases one and two upon satisfactory testing of the radios. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

- The need for a vehicle to replace the Durango was discussed. Moving the paramedic to a small type 6 engine and having the chief drive the expedition was discussed. This would allow the paramedic to respond to fires with an engine. General Fire has a used slide in pump currently for \$13,000; additionally a pickup would have to be purchased. After extensive discussions regarding the budget no decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:17. The next regular meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Monday April 13th at the Administrative Office at Station 23.

/s/ John Rumelhart, Clerk of the Board