# MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING July 26, 2016 6:00 PM

## PRESENT:

Chairman Mundt - Larrysub3mki@aol.com Commissioner Arhutick - marhutick@gmail.com Chief Blubaum - chief@mkifire.com Admin Asst. Saranto - admin@mkifire.com

# **CALL TO ORDER**

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHIEF BLUBAUM: Requested a moment of silence for Warden Sean Hicks from the Ponderay office in Sandpoint. Thank you gentleman for allowing us to do that.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It was very appropriate, a real tragedy

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

TERRY MONTANYE: You all see the floor; I helped and one of our citizens Sue Schwan contacted Carmen and said she'd like to help with anything she could do, so I called her and she showed up and helped us with the floor. I just wanted to mention that. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: And it looks great. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I noticed it as soon as I walked in.

CHIEF BLUBAUM: I'd like to add a little bit to that. It was Terry Montanye and Bill Turner that did the lion's share of it. Dave Hartman and Sue Schwan helped last week on Wednesday and I kind of supervised on Wednesday last week and then I was the fairy dust sprinkler yesterday so any big spots; that's my bad. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It's a huge improvement so thank you all.

BILL TURNER: I just wanted to thank Chief Blubaum for the five years he has put in with the fire department, he's been a joy to work for and I wanted to thank him for his five years. CHIEF BLUBAUM: July 5<sup>th</sup> was my official five year anniversary; thank you.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I read them over at home very extensively, conferred with Carmen that there are no changes to this set so I'm good with them.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve June 28, 2016 minutes, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried** 

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

## **Check Detail Report:**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'd just like to say thank you, good job on the minutes. It's a trial, I appreciate it.

CHIEF BLUBAUM: She's getting better at it; I think we found 7 corrections. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: That many pages, that's pretty good. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I read them through two times and couldn't find any. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Next time make it three. We read them at least three times each. Not sure if it will show up this check detail report or not but the floor in here cost us exactly \$208.00. ADMIN. ASST. SARANTO: Not until next report. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: That's really good.

tried to apply for a burn permit; they closed it this week due to the weather.

COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I have a question on that subject. I was approached by some friends of ours that are from Hawaii, they have a cabin here and asked about putting a fire in their fire pit? It's a rock circle fire pit. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Fire pits are technically open burn. They are not considered a portable outdoor fireplace according to code or UL listed appliance. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: So they cannot do it? CHIEF BLUBAUM: Right now they cannot do it. I take that back. There are some exceptions in Idaho Statutes. Let me rephrase that. You can do it as a recreational, heating or food fire but it has to be literally no bigger than two foot circle; cook hot dog on it and put it out. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I know right now in Kidd Island Bay there's two or three different residences that are burning them that are VRBO's people coming in. CHIEF BLUBAUM: We had that conversation last week with another citizen about VRBO's depending on how they are rented and the county has gone through there whole thing here recently trying to better define them, but from the fire code stand point if they're in there for less than 30 days they are considered transient by nature and should be an R-1 and therefore that is not legit. We are encouraging people to call so we can educate those folks. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I will call you.

CHIEF BLUBAUM: When it comes down to recreational fires it's for ambiance, heating or cooking; and it's to be used right there, right now, attended by a competent person, which means non-intoxicated, someone over 18 years of age and is extinguished as soon as they plan on not using it anymore. That is the definition according to the fire code. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: OK, these are on the beach, I will say that. CHIEF BLUBAUM: There are distance requirements; 50' from any ignitable stuff, 25' from structure's if it's a portable outdoor fireplace. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I will pass that on to these people. CHIEF BLUBAUM: It's always better to have them call me and I'll go look at it. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: OK, I'll just tell them no. CHIEF BLUBAUM: No is a good answer right now. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I asked them to wait until I could find out; they have only been here two days. CHIEF BLUBAUM: If you want when we are done with the meeting tonight I can photo copy the code for you. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I don't need to, he'll listen to me. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: If they had a portable with the screen or whatever? CHIEF BLUBAUM: Portable with a screen you can do 25' and you can actually do it on the deck if it's elevated; as long as it's 25' from combustible materials. And that's something that's recently been in a couple of the plan reviews that I've had to do; we had to remove "in pit" fire pits, they're not legit because they don't have a solid bottom on them so there's a way they can get into the root system and off to the races. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: That's fine, I asked a question and I got the answer. Thank you. Anything else?

CHIEF BLUBAUM: Not really. You can see some of the stuff we've been doing here. We've been getting good participation at the calls. I think that over the last month we've gone a couple of days where we have had 4 calls a day. We did have a mutual aide fire down at the landfill that Mr. Butler and I got to be first inside, and for me that's something I don't get to do a whole lot. Smoke levels were right here; it was a lot of fun wasn't it. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Generator? CHIEF BLUBAUM: Yes the generator caught fire, one of the big power generators. It's kind of like we're going to go in here, we're not taking any water, we gotta figure out what's going on first. That's definitely a room we did not want to spray water. You can ask Carmen, I was floating this high off the floor. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Do they have a halon system for it? CHIEF BLUBAUM: No it's a non-sprinkled building. Chief Sneeve fought with them; I believe it's a kind of shared tribal ground, shared county ground. He said he fought with them on the code when they put it in and also when they put it in the code might not have required it. The generators themselves are about the size of the tender we have out there, they're big, and it burned off all plastic and rubber on it. It self-extinguished because it dumped 250 gallons of anti freeze everywhere that turned into steam; it was one of the hottest fires I've been in without seeing flames in a lot of years. It was about 490 degrees in that room. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Very good.

BILL TURNER: Don't forget Saturday morning. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Thank you Bill. Two things, Saturday we conducted hydrant testing up in the Harbor View area. There's only one water district we have left to do, or actually two. One of them I need to contact or re-contact and make that initial discussion about getting back on the plan. The other one is Blackstone Estates they have a couple of houses going in and have the system shut down right now, so we need to get them up and running before we re-test them. The other thing too is that August 21<sup>st</sup> is the full blown Ironman. If you can avoid driving into town that day; that's a good day just to stay home. It's looking like weather will be similar to today or yesterday, which could potentially be quite busy for us. That's about it.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Can you remind me again when the budget workshop is? CHIEF BLUBAUM: Actually we have not officially set a date on that. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You mentioned the 23<sup>rd</sup>. CHIEF BLUBAUM: That would be our next commissioners meeting with the Public Hearing. So I am good with doing sometime the

- Attach tank assembly to truck frame
- Attach hose reel between tank and cab of truck
- Attach pump to truck frame
- · Attach pump gas tank and connect to pump
- Complete electrical pump to chassis
- · Complete tank to pump plumbing
- Complete electrical wiring for lights, turn signals, and emergency lights
- Terminate existing wiring harness on chassis
- · Cap hydraulic hoses on chassis
- Replace top beacon on chassis with amber strobe

I did inspect the tank and was really impressed. From a fabricator's standpoint I think they did a great job. The only weakness that I saw was when they did the welding nobody cleaned out the spatter, so there's weld spatter all over it. Whoever is going to be doing the priming of the tank will have to clean that out first. It was odd because the ends of the tank are finished fine, but when they made intermediate welds the splatter is still there so that's going to have to be cleaned up. The other thing that is missing is there is no lid to the tank. It has like a 2 ft. square opening reinforced but there's no lid. So, for us were going to have pine needles and whatever getting into it. We didn't talk about it at a meeting so I put it on here, I'd like to include that and have them build a lid for it that is somehow bungee corded on or something so it can't pressurize. We need something there to prevent debris from falling in the tank.

CHIEF BLUBAUM: I guess the only question I've got for you is "do you believe that all the stuff that you just listed out is going to be less than \$25,000"? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Oh yea I think so. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Then I have no problem. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: The trucks they have been doing are being built and turned out in a week. CHIEF BLUBAUM: OK, two guys in a week at \$100 and whatever? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: \$95.00, he didn't give me a specific estimate and in reality if you want to wait till this is done to find out. But it is something we're going to have to address. CHIEF BLUBAUM: That was one of the things from the photo it kind of looked ... CHAIRMAN MUNDT: What's sticking out of there in the photo shows the tank and there's a piece of tubing sticking up. That is a piece of stainless steel tube in case we wanted to do a manifold. And most of these trucks are water trucks for watering roads so it goes to the rear to a manifold and it's not something that we need and so I said just give us the tubing back; I don't see a purpose for it. But one thing we might consider is plumbing in a port at the front to be attached to a nozzle. A couple guys from last summer said it would be nice to have a truck that had a nozzle attached to the front bumper so we wouldn't have to run alongside the truck; it would just be plumbing. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Are you talking like remote nozzle? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: No I'm just talking about from the pump, just the plumbing and run it up there. It seems like the logical time. They're going to be there basically if we had a hose run through to the front and the fitting up there that we can attach a nozzle and basically we have that without doing a joystick. I wanted to throw that out for consideration; two things that I saw that should be considered.

CHIEF BLUBAUM: Sorry, I'm just trying to do some math here. Your looking at from what you just said probably around \$8,000 would be my guess. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: To put the truck together?
CHIEF BLUBAUM: Yes, that's top end maybe? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'm thinking it would be \$10,000 -\$12,000, but I don't have a firm number from them. I can call them and find out what these other things are going together as. CHIEF BLUBAUM: That's totally on you guys. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I absolutely think we should do a lid for the tank whether we do the plumbing for the others it's just plumbing; we could do it ourselves as far as that goes. Any comments? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I don't have any.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to have them build a lid for the tank. I think it's essential. Basically the truck is made to drive in a construction site, drive over a tank, fill it and go, and that's all they do, so they don't need a lid but we do. The only thing that's going to make it a little bit awkward is the rear fill, the stainless steel plumbing is there that ends up right on top of that so there will have to be an opening for that and the lid should be attached in a manner that if there was pressure in the tank it would just lift off, because the pump is going to be set up to fill right off the pump, we wont have to run a hose around, there will be a fitting that comes off the pump into the tank and so the pump will be able to pressurize the tank without using the back fill. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:

Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: So any questions? That's all I have. He wasn't sure whether it would be into their shop next week or not. He said if not it will be the week following.

b. MOU on 700 MHz system-Renewal between Kootenai Co. Sheriff's 911/MKI Fire

CHIEF BLUBAUM: The renewal you guys have in front of you is exactly the same as it has been the last three versions; this is version four. The only difference is commissioner's names and dates on it. Other than that it's good for a three-year period. I have not sent this off to our attorney because it has gone through the Kootenai County attorney's office: I've also asked them and they said you can change whatever you want, we're not going to sign it. So if you want 911 services you'll sign this. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I only have a couple of small questions. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Fire away and I'll see if I can answer them for you. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: On the cover letter it was printed up on June 8th, when did we receive this? CHIEF BLUBAUM: We received that the day after our commissioners meeting last month. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: OK, I was just curious because it's dated June 8th and we had a meeting on the 28th. CHIEF BLUBAUM: We received it the day after. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: OK, I was just wondering why it wasn't on last month's agenda. ADMIN. ASST. SARANTO: She emailed it originally and it didn't come through. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You answered my question, thank you. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: My only reason that I suggested we send this to the attorney is because there has been other things that I was prepared to vote on and in fact would have been a bad deal just because it was going across state lines. CHIEF BLUBAUM: You shot out your request on Wednesday or Thursday last week I kind of looked at it and called them up and they said you can have your attorney look at it until you are blue in the face; we're not changing our wording on it. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I still remember the days when we didn't have our own system; we were borrowing Kootenai's. CHIEF BLUBAUM: They kind of have us over a barrel. If we want 911 dispatching services, if we want paging services.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to... CHIEF BLUBAUM: Mike do you have any more, sorry don't mean to put you off sir but Mike do you have any more questions? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: No, I only had one and you answered it. CHIEF BLUBAUM: It's so frustrating. As of today we are one of three agencies in Kootenai County that have not signed this and got back to them; they have called and reminded us. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You want to make your motion or do you want me to make it? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'll make it.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to renew the MOU on 700 MHz system-Renewal between Kootenai Co. Sheriff's 911/MKI Fire, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried** 

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

#### None

CHIEF BLUBAUM: I would request you move up item 11 and move item 10 to the end, the executive session I'm requesting and therefor I am not asking the commissioners to take any action on it tonight so if there's any comments or correspondence you gentlemen have I'd like you to address the public and excuse them and we'll take care of our business and go home. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Ok very good. The only thing that I saw, I did go to the website and I was looking for and when I looked at the calendar that I see on the website the date of the commissioner's meeting was blacked out but there wasn't anything in it. ADMIN. ASST. SARANTO: Really? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It was the date but there was nothing in it. It should say commissioners meeting. And then I was looking for the Budget Hearing should be listed too and I didn't see that either. But I was also looking for, I went through my notes and I was sure that we had talked about the workshop and I was trying to figure out when it was and I couldn't find that either. So those are things that I think should be on there for people to be able to find. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Have you put things like the Ironman on there? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It is. ADMIN. ASST. SARANTO: Once we set a date. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: The days when the office is closed, I think that's helpful. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Ironman typically after this meeting she'll update the calendar for next month. If it's something for next week, obviously it should be on there. It might be your browser that you're using because I found at home if I use Google Chrome I wasn't able to get into the calendar, but if I used Internet Explorer I was. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I got to the calendar and it says when the office is closed. CHIEF BLUBAUM: It's like when you click on it there is a blank page. ADMIN. ASST. SARANTO: I may have done something wrong, I'll look at it. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It was blacked out like it was an important day, there was just nothing there. Just a point of reference.

MARTHA COOK: Mr. Chairman, on the idea of moving the executive session to the end to dismiss people beforehand is there a possibility that some action will need to be done in the public eye after? CHIEF BLUBAUM: No. There will be zero action taken tonight on the executive session. MARTHA COOK: It is customary that the

public be there after that session ends. CHIEF BLUBAUM: Actually there is no agenda item to take action after executive session so therefore there is no action that can be taken. MARTHA COOK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: If there is nothing else I'll move to adjourn. Actually we can't adjourn, sorry, alright then I'll make a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel Pursuant to the Provisions of Idaho Code 74-206, subsection (1) (b). COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried** 

#### Roll Call:

Chairman Mundt Aye Commissioner Arhutick Aye Commissioner's adjourned to Executive session at 6:41 p.m.

COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK moved to end the Executive session and return to the regular session, CHAIRMAN MUNDT 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried** 

#### Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Mundt: Aye Commissioner Arhutick: Aye

Commissioners returned to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

# **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to adjourn the meeting, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Motion Carried 07:36 p.m.** 

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to reopen the meeting to approve one bill, Idaho State Insurance Fund for \$1,424.00 that was not included in the check detail report. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Motion Carried** 

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the Idaho State Insurance check for \$1,424.00. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK  $2^{nd}$  the motion. **Motion Carried** 

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to adjourn the meeting, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK  $2^{nd}$  the motion. **Motion Carried 07:38 p.m**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Administrative Assistant Saranto

Approved,

Chairman Mundt

Approved,

Commissioner Mike Arhutick

Approved,

Commissioner Gretchen Hauser