



South Davis Metro Fire Service Area

Meeting of the Administrative Committee
255 South 100 West, Bountiful, Utah and Zoom
February 2, 2023
3:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

NAME	POSITION / CITY REPRESENTED
Bryce Haderlie	Woods Cross
Ken Leetham	North Salt Lake
Duane Huffman	West Bountiful – Chair
Brant Hanson	Centerville – Vice Chair
Gary Hill	Bountiful
Curtis Koch	Davis County

STAFF PRESENT:

Dane Stone, Fire Chief
Dave Powers, Deputy Chief
Greg Stewart, Deputy Chief

Jessica Hardy, Finance Director
Nikki Dandurand, Secretary

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 MINUTES

Mr. Haderlie made a motion to approve the minutes for the minutes presented. Mr. Koch seconded the motion. All members voted and approved the motion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FY 2023-24 BUDGET

Mr. Huffman opened the discussion by asking if the cities have a preliminary idea of their estimated revenue. Mr. Hanson stated a modest 3% increase, not sure on property tax. Mr. Leetham stated more conservative at 2-5%. Mr. Haderlie stated the CPI was around 8%, so possibly around that figure. Mr. Hill stated his city council will start discussions next week, but most likely 5% maximum. It also depends on the legislature and some of the bills being presented. Mr. Koch projected around 5% as well, to reflect inflation as well. Mr. Huffman

stated it's important to discuss actual revenue vs. needs. All the cities are playing catch-up. He stated West Bountiful slowed down in sales tax and they are not expecting more than a 3-5% tax growth. Mr. Leetham stated they have an additional assessment from the annexation, so it will be 5% to start plus any new growth. There should be additional property tax to offset that amount. Mr. Haderlie asked if there is talk of a Truth in Taxation this year. Mr. Huffman stated there are three reasons the district can do a TNT- facilities, trucks and employee costs. This need is now expanded because of the county paramedic loss. Mr. Koch asked how much of a shift was the paramedic tax to the district. Chief Stone replied there was a \$500K increase for the district. The capital funds are already locked in with apparatus purchases. The next step would be to use the fund balance or a TNT. Another item to discuss is employee retention and wages. Three years ago the district conducted a wage study. Is it feasible to do that again this year? Ms. Hardy stated the company could do it again for a small fee. Mr. Hill stated last year there was just a COLA increase. He would agree to another wage study. The committee agreed it would be a good idea.

Chief Stone stated another item to include in the budget discussion, is that our ambulance is taking longer than expected to make. Do we want to look at purchasing or still plan on financing the ambulance? Mr. Huffman would also like to discuss cash flow. Mr. Leetham asked if any new positions will be added this year. Chief Stone replied no, but even with the nine attending the academy currently, we are still down three personnel.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Stone had nothing else to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Huffman had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hill moved to adjourn the meeting.



Duane Huffman, Chair



Nicole Thompson, Secretary