

SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA
BOARD MEETING
August 16th, 2021

The South Davis Metro Fire Service Area Board of Trustees held a meeting August 16th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the South Davis Metro Fire Service Area Station #81, 255 S. 100 W., Bountiful, Utah.

CONDUCTING: Commissioner Len Arave

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Leonard Arave – Chair
Ken Romney
Clark Wilkinson
Rick Earnshaw
Bob Stevenson

STAFF PRESENT

Dane Stone – Fire Chief
Dave Powers – Deputy Chief
Greg Stewart – Deputy Chief
Jessica Hardy - Accountant
Nikki Dandurand - Secretary
Todd Godfrey – Attorney

Commissioner Arave stated that this was a regularly scheduled meeting and a notice of time, place, and agenda had been sent to the newspaper and to each member of the Board prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 2021

Commissioner Arave presented the minutes for the July 2021 meeting. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Romney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2021

Commissioner Arave presented the minutes for the August 2, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Romney made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS– JESSICA HARDY

Ms. Hardy reviewed the items for August 2021. Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the disbursements as presented with Commissioner Earnshaw seconding the motion. All voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2021 DISBURSEMENTS– JESSICA HARDY

Ms. Hardy reviewed the disbursements. Commissioner Romney moved to approve the disbursements as presented with Commissioner Stevenson seconding the motion. All voted in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT - CHIEF STONE

Chief Stone stated our risk assessment numbers improved significantly with Ms. Hardy completing her certificates and we are still considered "low risk." Commissioner Earnshaw moved to approve the certification as presented with Commissioner Romney seconding the motion. All voted in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2021-22 BUDGET AND 2021 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

a. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2021-02, FY 2021-22 BUDGET AND 2021 TAX RATE ADOPTION**

Mr. Leetham stated he is here just to answer questions the Board may have. The Administrative Committee has already given their recommendation with the .000585% tax rate and 10% city assessment.

Commissioner Arave stated we should do a Truth and Taxation annually for smaller increases. Right now, most of the cities have some CARES funding that they can use through 2026. At some point, we will need to readjust the city's assessments or do a Truth and Taxation every year. Commissioner Wilkinson stated his city has remained with the same numbers for the most part. Agreed with doing a Truth and Taxation annually. Commissioner Romney stated that things will change with the legislature. He would be open to Truth and Taxation more often as well. Commissioner Arave asked if they can use the CARES funding to pay the other 10%. Mr. Leetham replied it's a possibility. Commissioner Earnshaw supports the recommendation

one hundred percent. He suggested going up to 15% but agreed the 10% city assessment is very reasonable.

Chief Stone stated that he appreciates the Boards support. He suggested maintaining our tax rate to avoid further Truth and Taxation meetings.

Commissioner Arave stated that's the interesting part of politics, there are always taxes they can raise. We do have CARES funding available and is comfortable with the 10% city assessment.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated the feds have dropped the ball. The handouts were not needed and dislikes any tax increase, but there will be more. In my job as Mayor, we need to provide for our paramedic services. The department has limited revenue resources and they are a very critical part of the county. Comparing needs vs. wants, this is a need.

Commissioner Earnshaw made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Administrative Committee to approve the budget and set the tax rate at .000585%. Commissioner Stevenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with full support.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Stone gave a brief update on the Parley's Canyon fire. We did send one engine for support. The plane crash over the weekend was handled by the county. Our seven recruits have completed week one and are doing well.

Commissioner Romney made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.



Len Arave - Commissioner



Nicole Dandurand, Clerk