

SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 8TH, 2023

The South Davis Metro Fire Service Area Board of Trustees held a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the South Davis Metro Fire Service Area Station #81, 255 S. 100 W., Bountiful, Utah.

CONDUCTING: Commissioner Brian Horrocks

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Horrocks - Chair
Ken Romney
Kendalyn Harris
Ryan Westergard
Bob Stevenson

STAFF PRESENT

Dane Stone – Fire Chief
Dave Powers – Deputy Chief
Jessica Hardy – Finance Director
Nikki Thompson - Clerk
Jayme Blakesley – Legal Counsel

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Clark Wilkinson

Commissioner Horrocks stated that this is a Public Hearing and a notice of time, place, and agenda had been sent to the newspaper, posted to the public on the website and building, and to each member of the Board prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA – COMMISSIONER HORROCKS

Commissioner Horrocks stated this is the public hearing for the items on the agenda. Mr. Blakesley reviewed the rules and requirements stated by Utah law for this hearing. Commissioner Horrocks asked if Chief Stone would like to review the current item. Chief Stone deferred to Mr. Duane Huffman, Administrative Committee Chair. Mr. Huffman gave a brief overview of the budget and needs of this item.

Commissioner Horrocks opened the public hearing.

OPEN: 6:10 p.m.

- Ron Mortensen – Bountiful – fully supports this increase, asks the cities to reduce their expenditures and make a full commitment to the fire district.

Commissioner Stevenson and Mr. Mortensen had a discussion in regard to the fund balance.

- Tenna Hartman – Bountiful – agrees with Mr. Mortensen’s comments, asked to clarify the number of employees that have left. Small business owner, we are all trying to keep up with costs and inflation. Would prefer a year-by-year approach to handle this.

CLOSED: 6:21 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023-24 BUDGET AND 2023 AD VALOREM TAX RATE – COMMISSIONER HORROCKS

a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-02, FY 2023-24 BUDGET AND 2023 TAX RATE ADOPTION

Commissioner Horrocks asked if there was a motion on the table. Commissioner Romney made a motion to approve this agenda item as proposed and written. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and commented that the board looked at this need by the district and the need is now.

A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner's Westergard, Horrocks, Harris and Romney voted "aye." Commissioner Stevenson voted "nay." This motion was passed with a 4-1 vote.

Chief Stone said thank you to the Board for their support.

This public hearing was adjourned by Commissioner Stevenson and seconded by Commissioner Westergard.



Ryan Westergard -Vice Chair



Nicole Thompson, Clerk