



Governing Board Work Session Meeting Minutes July 6, 2016

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA.

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 4:00 P.M.

- A. Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Gehrt.
- C. Roll Call showed Chairman Jeff Cross, Clerk Gene Gehrt, Director Todd House, Director Charlie Fox, and Director Jason Moeller (telephonically) as present.

Senior Leadership in attendance: Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois, Assistant Chief Mike Farber, Acting Assistant Chief Brett Broman, and Finance Director Roger Wood were present.

Legal Counsel Donna Aversa (telephonically) and Executive Assistant acting as Board Secretary Jasmin Jones were also present at the meeting.

Item 1: *Discussion, presentation(s), and possible action regarding future funding/revenue alternatives such as proceeding with a bond or an override election. (BOD #2016-07-01)*

Fire Chief Paul Bourgeois led the discussion by answering questions the governing board had at the June 27, 2016 Board Work Session.

Assistant Chief Mike Farber and Finance Director Roger Wood presented the timeline and specifics regarding holding an override election this year, including ARS information.

The Senior Leadership Team with the assistance of Legal Counsel, Donna Aversa fielded questions from the Governing Board concerning what the District can and can't do when holding an override election and strategic goals of an override election. The District can educate the community but can't influence a yes vote – the District can remain neutral and only provide facts. The pro's and con's of holding an override election this year as opposed to next year was also discussed.

Finance Director Roger Wood then presented a summary of the capital items that are included in the capital replacement plan, these are the items the override money would go to (200 fund). Some of the items discussed were medical equipment, fire apparatus, SCBA equipment, computer equipment, software, radios.

Mr. Fox asked what the district do if the override did not pass this year or the following year. Chief Bourgeois clarified that if the override did not pass, that purchasing of major capital items would be pushed back. Mr. Fox stated that if we push back major items such as fire apparatus and medical equipment, it would not only put our firefighters and citizens at risk, it would have the potential to lower our ISO rating, which would raise taxpayer's insurance rating.

Mr. Gehrt stated that educating our citizens will be the key so they can decide what type of fire and medical service the District will provide.

Mr. House clarified with Ms. Aversa the role of governing board members when speaking to the citizens regarding an override. Ms. Aversa stated that the governing board can speak as elected officials not on behalf of the District.

Motion by Director House that the Superstition Fire & Medical District Board of Directors authorize the holding of an Override Election on the 8th Day of November 2016 as provided for in ARS §48-807 as amended by SB 1244, Sec. 5., signed into law Chapter 219, Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session, 2016, with the intent to increase the Fire District levy limit for five years not to exceed \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation on properties within the boundaries of the Fire District. Seconded by both Chairman Cross and Director Fox.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. (Director Moeller lost cell reception at 4:28 pm and could not reconnect telephonically).

Item 2: *Call to Public (BOD# 2016-07-n/a)*

N/A

Item 3: *Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2016-07 Call of Election regarding an Override, along with letters of intent to hold election, and Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement. (BOD #2016-07-02)*

Executive Assistant Jasmin Jones brought forth these items to the board. The resolution is necessary to call for an election to be held on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of holding an override election. The letters of intent to hold an election are also necessary to notify Maricopa and Pinal Counties. The Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement, is necessary to place the override on the Maricopa County ballots in the areas we cover, this item is the counterpart to the IGA that was approved and signed by the board for Pinal County.

Motion by Director House to approve Resolution 2016-07: Call of Election in regards to an override, to proceed with the letters of intent to Pinal and Maricopa Counties, and to approve the Maricopa County Service Menu Agreement. Seconded by Director Fox.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. (Director Moeller lost cell reception at 4:28 p.m. and could not reconnect telephonically).

Item 4: *Adjourn (BOD# 2016-07-03)*

Motion by Director House at 4:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Clerk Gehrt.

Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. (Director Moeller lost cell reception at 4:28 p.m. and could not reconnect telephonically).

Governing Board Approval:



Gene Gehrt, Board Clerk

Jasmin Jones