

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE
30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri, met at the Mehlville Conference Room, 11020 Mueller Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, on the 30th day of September, 2015.

Present at the meeting were:

Aaron Hilmer, Chairman and Director of the Board;

Bonnie C. Stegman, Treasurer and Director of the Board;

Edmond Ryan, Secretary and Director of the Board; and

Brian Hendricks, Fire Chief of the Mehlville Fire Protection District.

Mr. Hilmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Dr. Stegman made a motion to pay the bills of September 23 and 30, 2015. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Hendricks proposed the purchase of eight Panasonic Tough Books to replace the GTEC tablets currently on the ambulances. The District will be transitioning to Firehouse, a fire reporting software included in the contract with Central County. The GTEC tablets would be moved for use on fire apparatus. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the purchase of the eight Panasonic Tough Books at a cost of \$38,719.94. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond presented drafts of the preliminary 2016 budget and the 2015 tax rate resolution. The Board of Equalization's 2015 assessed values reflect a \$54.4 million increase over 2014. For each of the three primary funds,

the 2015 tax rates calculators were accessed through the State Auditor's website, and those calculators were utilized to determine the current year's tax rate ceiling, or the maximum allowable amount that may be levied. The 2015 aggregate amount is a blended rate of 70 cents, a decrease of 1 cent over the prior years. In looking at the maximum allowable amount that may be levied, the 2015 tax rates are projecting \$16.072 million available for fiscal year 2016. St. Louis County retains 1.5% as their fee for collection and processing, resulting in \$15.831 million available for District use. The 2016 preliminary budget includes the premise that there will be no voluntary reduction in the tax rates. Over \$1 million will be transferred from the General to the Capital fund to cover capital expenditures including \$300,000 for the pumper reserve, \$200,000 for an ambulance, \$100,000 for a long term aerial apparatus replacement, and \$100,000 for construction reserves for future engine house renovations. \$360,000 will be transferred from the General to the Pension fund to offset current year shortfalls in the Pension Fund as well as to increase reserves for future underfunded disability payments. Also included in the budget is a 1.5% pay increase for employees, an increase of \$100,000 in unscheduled overtime to reflect current unscheduled overtime utilization necessary to operate the sixth ambulance, anticipated increases in health insurance premiums, and \$290,000 for debt service. The 2016 preliminary budget forecasts that the 2015 tax revenue will provide \$193,000 more than the 2015 budget. Due to the projected increases in tax revenue, interest revenue, ambulance collections, and permit fees, the 2016 preliminary budget forecasts a \$355,000 increase in total revenue over the 2015 budget. The 2016 preliminary budget forecasts a \$339,000 increase on the expense side. Overall, the 2016 preliminary budget forecasts \$568,000 excess of revenue over

expenditures, of which \$268,000 will fund future disability payment obligations, \$257,000 will fund future unknown dispatching related expenses, and \$24,000 to address unidentified expenses. These results demonstrate the need to fix the tax rates at the tax rate ceiling for 2015 in the General, Alarm and Pension funds. The preliminary budget will continue to be refined and presented to the Board in its final form in December, 2015. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the preliminary 2016 budget. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bond presented the draft 2015 Tax Rate Resolution, which fixes the 2015 tax rates at the tax rate ceiling for the General, Alarm and Pension funds. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the 2015 Tax Rate Resolution. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hilmer then made a motion that a closed meeting be held for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting. Mr. Hilmer, as part of said motion, moved that said closed meeting not be open to members of the general public under the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stegman. A roll call vote on said motion was taken.

Director Hilmer yea.

Director Stegman yea.

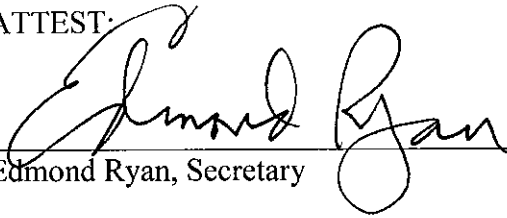
Director Ryan yea.

There being no further business, Mr. Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.




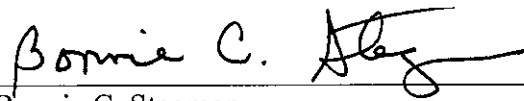
Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

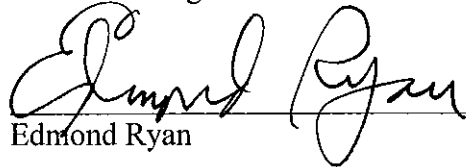
ATTEST:


Edmond Ryan, Secretary

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District, have affixed their names thereto in evidence of their consent to the meeting at the time and place indicated, and in evidence of their approval of the actions taken at the said meeting.


Aaron Hilmer


Bonnie C. Stegman


Edmond Ryan