

JOHNSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
NEW CENTURY AIRCENTER
October 10, 2006

Present:	BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF
	Present:	
	Mark Burdolski	Max Sielert
	Kent Harlow	Dennis McGuire
	Keith Johnson	

AGENDA

The Chairman, Mark Burdolski called the October 10, 2006 meeting to order with a request for approval of the agenda. Keith Johnson moved and Mark Burdolski seconded the agenda be approved. The motion carried.

MINUTES

Keith Johnson moved to approve the September minutes as presented. Mark Burdolski seconded and the motion carried.

FLOOR BUSINESS

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Sielert presented the September financials stating that with 25% of the year remaining, we had 19.7% of the budget left. He reported that part of the reason for being over budget in expenses at this point was due to Grant Expenses that will be reimbursed which improves the picture considerably. He reported the district was 100% over budget on worker's comp, but payments have been made through October. He stated cuts have been made in training, purchasing and anywhere else possible, although fire gear purchases were more than anticipated. He reported revenue still looks good, but everything is really tight. He reported some expensive repairs but that money will be coming for the grants reimbursements, the Airport Contract and the final tax disbursement of real and personal property taxes. Keith Johnson moved to approve the September financial report. Mark Burdolski seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief's Reports

Chief Sielert reported that in the case of Richard A. Beseau -vs- Fire District #1-Johnson County, KS the Federal Judge in the U.S. District Court, District of Kansas granted the Fire Districts motion for summary judgment in its entirety. As a result Richard Beseau's lawsuit is being dismissed with prejudice, which means the plaintiff cannot bring another suit related to this issue against Fire District No. 1. The judge found in our favor on all 3 of the issues that we addressed in our request for summary judgment and issued his order that the case be dismissed on October 26, 2006. Chief Sielert thanked the Fire Board for their confidence in staff and their support during this entire lengthy ordeal.

Chief Sielert stated he has been working on the finances to reduce expenditures to come in under budget. He has been managing the financial end of the AFG and SAFER Grants. Chief Sielert also reported meeting with Stewart Fairburn of Gardner to review their long range plans as well as the proposed intermodal options. He briefly reviewed how that will affect our district and the resulting financial situation, and that the district will need to review the current relationship and that future meetings will need to be held. Chief Sielert also reported having spent considerable time reviewing logistics of trade/time and sick and vacation time donations to help fellow employee's who are out of leave time. He is requesting copies of policies from neighboring departments to see how they handle these types of situations and once he has additional information on the subject he will come to the Fire Board with a recommendation of either adopting policy to cover this issue or handling it on a case by case basis.

Chief McGuire reported equipment is all up and running and working well. He added the new engine representative from the Detroit factory found some things wrong we weren't aware of, that those were corrected and it is now in excellent shape. He reported the AFG grant installations had progressed, that sprinkler systems were complete and that the alarm system in two stations will be completed this week. He reported the generators have arrived and the pads are poured and that the electrician was completing the hook up. He reported the fire hydrant testing is going well, that fire extinguisher training is being given to business here at New Century. Chief McGuire invited the board and families to the annual VFW recognition of firefighters dinner on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. He reported that district staff had toured the new Wal-Mart store and learned about some things that will create challenges. He reported the district is up-to-date on ICS/NIMS training and that almost everyone has reached the required level. He reported the Brightline compliance training should be completed December 1st.

The attendance per members in good standing policy was discussed and letters will be sent to staff and volunteers that do not meet the requirements.

Detachment

Keith Johnson moved to remove the detachment request by the City of Olathe from the table. Kent Harlow seconded and the motion carried.

Keith Johnson moved to deny the detachment request from the City of Olathe. Kent Harlow seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Detachment

After discussion and per the interlocal agreement with the City of Gardner, Keith Johnson moved the detachment request by the City of Gardner, Ordinance 2211, Resolution 06-1010, be approved. Kent Harlow seconded and the motion carried

The next meeting will be November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned to executive session to for personnel items and to adjourn at 7:55pm