

MINUTES

THE CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 3, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. – BSB COURTHOUSE ROOM 203 IT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:29 P.M. by John Sorich

2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

• Member Present:

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD
George Stone, Terra Verde VFD
Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner
Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD
Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner
Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.
John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson

Guests Present:

Zach Osborne, BSB Fire Chief
Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Kelly J. Lee, BSB Asst. Chief/Fire Marshal
Bill Fitzpatrick, Capt. Boulevard VFD
Gary Mattern, Chief Race Track VFD
Dave McPherson, BSB LED 911
Tom Bolton, Walkerville VFD (no sign)

Member Absent:

Chris Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Jerry Brothers to approve the Minutes for March 1, 2022, meeting. Lee Sullivan seconded the motion.
 - The March 1, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- Gary Mattern stated, "For those who don't know me my name is Gary Mattern (Twoie), the Chief of Race Track VFD. I have read the minutes from the previous meetings and the Chiefs that are not in favor of consolidation, I am not one of the Volunteer Chief's that is not for consolidation. I believe consolidation should have happened twenty years ago. We should have been a smaller department and not as scattered as we are. Most of the departments that have overcome these types of things have thrived, Missoula Rural Fire, French Town Fire, High Life Fire and Bozeman have all thrived from consolidating departments. Unfortunately, volunteer departments are not what they used to be. They are not good old boy clubs anymore. They are not drinking society. They should be Fire Departments and the people have demanded that since 911. When they have seen the fire departments and what fire department do. People want that, people pay for that. Accountability, that is the big one, accountability for training, personnel, equipment and fuel, accountability for all of it. Consolidation should have been done years and years ago. We are still fighting a fight that is 45 years old. It started a year before I was even born and here, we are 45 years later. We have not progressed, we have not moved

forward, this is a department as a whole. We are in the same place since 1977, just paddling away, not getting any better, not improving. Where some of these other departments have, Missoula Rural are thriving, they had to adapt and overcome the ever-changing environments of a fire department, and they did, and they continue to do so. East Missoula Fire had to adapt so the Missoula Rural didn't eat them up, so they did adapt. They formed a better, stronger fire department. They pushed their volunteer fire department to be better, held more accountability and so far, they have survived. Missoula Rural I believe will eat them up at some point, but for now they are thriving. French Town Fire same way they had to adapt and overcome, and they did. We don't! We tread water and the same old fight, we kept having over, and over again, it is ridiculous. A career guy just wants to get rid of a volunteer firemen or volunteer firemen just want to get rid of career firemen. All of it is ridiculous. We need to look at what is best for the general population of Silver Bow County as a fire service. What is the best possible service we can provide? It is not what we have right now, I can tell you that. We have the opportunity, but it is not anywhere near what it should be. It doesn't matter who you get, you are getting different levels of firefighters responding on calls. I go by the word firefighter; I don't go by the word volunteer. I am very proud to be a volunteer firefighter. I don't go by that word. If I want to put my name on it, I want to be called a firefighter, I am going to put my whole heart and soul into that and I have. Almost 25 years I have. We have the potential to be so much better, but we keep going back to the same argument, for years. It is beyond frustrating. Most of the career firemen come from volunteer departments. They do not want to get rid of volunteer departments, they understand volunteer departments. Lee, Riley, Jake and Chad come from volunteer departments, they understand what volunteer departments mean, and how they could be so much better. That is my two cents worth, I am trying to redact that, my notes were five pages long and I don't want to hold up you're meeting any longer than it needs to be. There just needs to be a deeper conversation of what our service is. As a whole it could be so great, but it is not, and we are a long way away from it still."

- Joel Worth stated, "So with some of those issues can you give me some examples?"
- John Sorich stated, "We can't talk about comments from Twoie. We can take the comment but should not respond, legally."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I question that, this is not a council meeting, if the man wants to give his opinion and we have a question for him, why shouldn't we ask the question. How are we going to fix what he is asking if we can't ask a question?"
- John Sorich stated, "I think we already know the answer, go ahead...please."
- Joe Worth stated, "So could you elaborate on some of the things that you think that would like pinpoint what would make the volunteers better."
- Gary Mattern stated, "Sure, you are not going to like it, once again it is my opinion, it is one volunteer fire department running a few different fire stations, under one umbrella, under one Chief, a few Asst. Chiefs, one District Chief, maybe a couple Battalion Chiefs under one umbrella. Therefore, you have one consistent training, no matter what you would be one department. No matter who you get they are at the same level of training as the last guy that showed up, at the last call. You would know what they are doing and easier to coordinate with the career department and we would all be on the same page. Instead of having multiple different training and training levels and different firefighters in all different aspects of it."

Accountability members, fuel, vehicle maintenance, and building maintenance, which is a problem for me. My building is pushing 100 years old at this point. There is so many different aspects to it, it would balance everything back out. We are 9 or 10 different entities, and we operate in such a way that you can call anyone of us, and you are going to get a different response every time. That is unfair to the public in my opinion . We are here to serve the public; we are here to provide a service. Like I said, a different service than it was in 1977. Race Track had a waiting list. Race Track does not have a waiting list at this point. No volunteer departments do. Because it is a different service. We are not escape your wife and come down to the fire hall and drink some beers anymore. That is not how it should be anymore. After 911, the people have seen what their fire departments should be, and they expect that. Chief Alan Brunacini, former Chief of Phoenix Fire said it best, he said, "people don't call the fire department and say send me two idiots in a pickup truck. They expect when that engine pulls up four rocket scientists with Olympic caliber athleticism and a PHD in sociology to get off that truck and solve their issue." They don't care if the side of that truck says career or volunteer. They just see a fire truck. They want that kind of service. I am a firm believer we should provide it. We can't in the current system, we will never be able in the current system. If we don't actually start the conversation to try a pursue that and pursue being better. We will keep treading water and act like it is 1977."

- John Sorich stated, "Twoie, I think there will be a lot more discussion on that. We have had some discussions. But we are here in the middle of doing the TIFID tonight. There have been conversations about that and there will be more to come on this. You are spot on, and I appreciate your comments and that you came forward."
- Gary Mattern stated, "Since we are talking about TIFID, I also have to revise my request for radios, I submitted a price of \$2,500.00 for an old model radio, it is now \$3,700.00 per radio."
- John Sorich stated, "Thank you. I am going to move forward and have our guest talk; Jerry you wanted Mr. Dave McPherson to talk."

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Jerry Brothers stated, "When we get down to the radios and the pagers in the requests, Dave is in charge of dispatch department has some questions on what can be done and what is going on, but I think it is quite a bit later."
- George Stone stated, "Why don't we skip the TIFID for right now and move on to the radios and pagers will lead us right back to the TIFID."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Couple of things next time we do a needs deal, like when Twoie submitted the \$2,500.00 per radio, it was not submitted with a quote I believe, but we should have thrown that out right away. That is one of those things we must have, is a quote on the requests and that is one thing that should have been thrown away, we all known the quotes on the radios were \$3,700.00 per radio."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Those prices were because of the changing in models and we were still researching Motorola's and such."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I guess this needs to be directed to you. Are we going to be ordering the radios?"

- Zach Osborne stated, "No," "a certain amount of them" "Yes."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is that were we are at?"
- George Stone stated, "Let's let them talk about the research on the radios and pagers. That will help with making some decisions."
- John Sorich stated, "Ok, I was trying to stick to the agenda, we will let them talk and get back to the agenda."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I think we should order the radios. I do believe we have to have a little bit of discussion on how we are going to order them and how many we are going to have. A lot of the departments to do believe it should be per seat and the Chief and Asst. Chief should each have a radio they are the ones who carry them all the time. There are other departments that have a bunch of seats, but they do not have the people. I think we need to look at how many people we have and how many seats we have and make a decision."
- Zach Osborne stated, "There is never going to be a fair way to do that. Little Basin Creek has 5 pieces of apparatus with only 7 people."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Ok they need 7 radios."
- Zach Osborne stated, "No they don't."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Ok, what is the fair way to do that?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "The Career Fire department doesn't have a radio per staff."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Everyone that goes to a fire doesn't have a radio?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "So every person in all volunteer stations will go to the call?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "No, but there is a possibility of that many going."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You can make your case and then the Fire Advisory Committee can vote, I just got to remind you Jerry, You guys are advising me, what I decide on. So, when I decide, then there is no argument, I just want to make that clear. I told you from the beginning multiple times we are not spending every dime of this money. This is the last piece of this money; I am not spending all of it."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Why are we saving it? Do you have a plan for it? Are we going to have another needs request?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "No plan and we may have another needs request if it comes to that."
- Dan Callahan stated, "He thought we may get a little more money at the end of the Fiscal Year, the fund sunsets the end of this fiscal year, it varies every year, it all depends on the tax."
- John Sorich stated, "It will be very small from what I understand from the Director of Finance "
- Zach Osborne stated, "I thought she said this was it, whatever is in there now but, you could very well be correct."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "There is some coming in June, but we don't know how much."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Every year at the end of the fiscal year, because they can't give you the money in advance, because the tax needs to be collected."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I could go on for a few reasons, in my mind we could hold on to a certain amount of money and only spend a certain amount of money every year, making wise choices on what we spend. There is not a lot of sense to in buying multiple radios right now, when historically, we can look at the numbers, of the volunteer numbers per station have been going down every year, now if those change. We can come visit again in a Fire Advisory Meeting and do new TIFID requests, we could do meetings every year, if I have TIFID money in the bank. I do

not feel comfortable, never did feel comfortable emptying this out for several reasons. Engine 2 engine went out, I had to find \$25,000.00 to replace the engine 2 engine. What if, Twoie's engine would go out, I would have to find money, Home Atherton's engine could go out, I would have to find money. If there are not things like this fund to possibly fall back on in an emergency, then what? Then your engine is down."

- Dan Callahan stated, "In the past when we discussed this, I guess we don't want to revert to Jeff Miller but, the comment was made that we need to start putting money in your budget to cover those things, because the TIFID is coming to an end. So somewhere we would have to figure out, just like the tanks (SCBA) we tried to spread them out, so they don't all expire at the same time. So, you didn't have to pay for them in one to two years. That was the game plan since I have been on this committee, was to try and put more money in the Fire budget. Once the TIFID is gone we can't do this anymore. So somehow, we must figure out a fund for emergency services, such as an engine or people needing new turn outs and stuff like that. We need to put money in the budget each year to cover when that happens. We need to have a continuous plan to replace and update."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I did ask that question, when we did the budget this year. The answer I got was there is two places in the budget that do not go away after the budget year, that is the Wildland Fund and TIFID Fund. We could, definitely ask, for money to go into out Fund line items that are already established into say our Wildland Fund."
- Dan Callahan stated, "We as a council, we approve a couple of the budgets, so if we must, we could request a Reserve Fund each year for emergency services for this type of expense. I could get with Director of Finance to advise."
- John Sorich stated, "Those funds would be taking out of another fund somewhere."
- Dan Callahan stated, "No, if we as a council approve a fund for unexpected or emergency expenses for the fire department."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The TIFID was not set up to back up the fire budget, it was set up so we could get equipment and training. It is not written that way in the TIFID, but it was discussed several times in the Fire Advisory meetings that it was not to back up the budget."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Those are things we could sit down with Director of Finance and have a discussion. Once this TIFID money is gone everyone's tanks and turnouts start outdated we will not be able to replace them. You can't put guys out there without proper equipment. We must fund it."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "The one meeting she was at didn't Danette say we need to figure something out, because the way our budget works now will not handle our current situation. So once the TIFID runs out, my understanding was the current way we run things equipment, maintenance, fuel, or personnel whatever doesn't matter out budget will not even fund that at all. So, we need to figure something else out."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, we go off on a little tangent there, my point is, I am going to say it again, I am not spending all the TIFID, I am not even going to spend close to it. I have added up the numbers. I have thought about how many different radios, personally I am looking at about \$70,000.00 spent this year, that would leave the remaining \$230,000.00. I don't know how much we will be getting this year, but that would put us to a few more years of being able to do TIFID requests. That is what I have decided we can go over what I think I am going to approve

from the Fire Advisory votes. I have a number in mind of how many radios that I would like to buy. After I talk about those numbers that I would like to buy, there is just not fair way, every department right now has 2 radios. Boulevard runs the most calls, followed by Home Atherton and Race Track. There are a few departments that only run 10 calls a year and they have 6 personnel, 2 radios are sufficient for them right now. Next year, we might have meetings where they could come and their call volume tripled and now, they have 20 personnel, we will revisit it. But we can't revisit anything if I just spend all the money right now. I don't know what we are getting (funds), I am glad we are getting something extra. I don't have a problem leaving money in this fund, getting something, we need right now and are we in dire need of every person having a radio? Did we not succeed and survive this last year by each volunteer department only having 2 radios, yes, we did succeed. We did not fail, could it be better absolutely, give Boulevard a couple of radios, give these two guys a couple of radios. But other departments don't need radios right now. I am standing by it, we can argue about it until we are blue in the face, I have thought about it a lot I don't want to empty the fund. We can revisit the remaining money in the fall. Historically we do not meet in the summer months.

- Joel Worth stated, "I would think that I know we don't want to give radios to everybody and all the seats but, maybe with Twoie, Boulevard and some of the other departments that do interior stuff to have enough radios to do 2-3 man-crews. So, those guys can have radios on a fire scene."
- Zach Osborne stated, "2-3-man crews?"
- Joel Worth stated, "If you had 6 guys that had radios if you were going inside, that would be the safest."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That would be the safest, but I mean we got to be honest with ourselves and what I have seen in the last how many years of me being on calls of how many times that I see a volunteer fire department having 2-3-man crews that are trained enough and ready to go interior. I have never seen it ever at a call. I am not putting any one down, but I am the Director I over sees money and safety. I don't see 2-3-man crews ever from any of the 9 volunteer departments, now prove me wrong, I would love to see it. If you prove me wrong next year when we revisit this, we can revisit radios."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Can you tell me of the 4200 calls you get were actual fires?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I could get that for you."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Because that is what you're counting for us. Your whole crew does not need radios on a medical. All you are counting on us are fires. You are counting medicals and everything like lift assists. Your crew don't need all these radios on them."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Extraction calls, Hazmat calls we need radios."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I consider hazmat call fire call. Someone who falls and breaks their arm is not a fire call, that is a rescue call."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Hazmat call is a hazmat call, and a fire call is a fire call."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Put it the calls that actually require a fire truck and a crew are hazmat, wildland and a structure fire. Rescue I do not consider needing a fire truck because it is a gas spill."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Correct, or our Rescue is down, and we need to take a fire truck."

- Jerry Brothers stated, "I really think we need more rescues than we need fire trucks because 85% of our call are rescue."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So are you buying a rescue? What are you asking?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I would definitely have more rescues than I would fire trucks. We have enough engines around and I don't think we have enough rescues, that's my opinion. I see a lot of fire trucks out on rescues or medical calls."
- Zach Osborne stated, "When our rescues are down someone must take an engine. Or when we are on a medical and get a fire call, we clear and go right to the fire call. We have rescue trucks and no one at the station, which then, we are calling you guys, which is great. Just like you said, just in the last few Fire Advisory meetings and the minutes, you guys have jobs, you don't know when you are going to show up. After ten to fifteen minutes of a call, the emergency is over, it is not an emergency it is just a call. We need personnel there within 5-10 minutes or it is a recovery or a Streeter. Sit in the street and put the fire out. Sorry, I don't know where we went from radios to vehicle. I would love to have extra money to buy all kinds of rescues Jerry."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Sorry you are comparing apples to oranges here."
- Zach Osborne stated, "How?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Because you are using fires up here for Boulevard for example."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is structure fires, Career go on more types of incidents."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes, but I wanted to see the career fire end of that is. Boulevard goes on 125, does that mean "you" career guys go on 400 fires?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I get audited twice a year and I have those sheets that I have to turn into the Court House, as well as the Chamber."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Well there is all these medical calls you go on that you're sending all these radios on, because they need them."
- Lee Sullivan and Zach stated, "We are sending one radio on a rescue."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "When you go on the engine isn't there three?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Yes, that is when we respond to a structure fire in the engine if we are out on a medical, we have to have our radios on us 24/7."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "You're saying we don't need them."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I am not saying that at all, we are trying to draw a fine line of who gets what radios."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Do you have a number of radios you're going to purchase; do you have that in your head somewhere?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "In my head to make it a \$70,000.00 purchase of this year, I have 8."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "8 radios?!"
- Zach Osborne stated, "Did you survive last year with the ones that you had?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Very, very difficult."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I mean the radios you have right now are working."
- Jerry Brother stated, "I am sorry I am going to bring you in, didn't you (Tom Bolton, Walkerville Fire Department) just not have a problem with your where they tried calling you and you tried calling on the other radio and could not get through to dispatch or anyone else?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "Yes. I was told I was on the wrong channel; I have one radio and 1 handheld radio."

- Dan Callahan stated, "They only have one truck with a radio the other truck doesn't have a radio."
- Tom Bolton stated, "The Chief is the only one with a radio and I don't take mine home, I leave it at the station so whoever is in charge can have a radio."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Which department are you at, sorry."
- Tom Bolton stated, "Walkerville. I have three other trucks."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "They have one radio for the truck and one handheld, correct. How many of the old radios do you have?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "I have 4 truck radios."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "That are on VHF still?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "Yes, and I have one of the old VHF radios still in my engine and 8 handhelds."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "8 handhelds and no one responded to you? Who are you trying to contact, dispatch?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "Dispatch."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I believe dispatch should be aware that we as volunteer still operate on fire 1, that we discussed at the beginning of this implementation that we didn't have this many radios, that we still need to operate on two separate channels. It was set up, so we didn't miss communications. I know us at the Career Stations 1 and 2, we hear everything that you guys do. When you are on red training, we are sitting in the station listening to it. When you guys are out on fire 1 or something we hear it. We got to remember that those radios still work. They are not useless; they are not paper weights. You must train with the radios; you must use them until we can figure out the funding for 5 more radios."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I believe on your case you were on fire?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "It was new year's day up on Clark St."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "You didn't have an 800, is that the case?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "I did, and I was on the wrong channel, so whatever was on the truck before didn't switch back to the right channel."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Okay that is a training issue, more than an issue with communicating. You didn't switch back to the right channel. Is that correct?"
- Tom Bolton stated, "Well I would say that but, if I didn't have to worry about switching back to the channel it would be ..."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "It would be a lot simpler, but we don't have millions of dollars to continue spending. We must pay attention to those kinds of things. Every day I go to my shift I am checking my radio to see where it is at. Every call we go on we double check that we are on VFD primary."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is how they are trained."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Say, they are coming to a fire that you are already on, in one of his trucks he cannot communicate at all with you, because he is on VHF. Are you monitoring it on the fire?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Yes, on scan, fire 1, 2, 3 and red mountain all that. It is on scan all of that was the build of this operation."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Was BSB with you on that fire?"

- Tom Bolton stated, "Yes, and no one responded, I asked what you need me to do, if you need a hydrant no response."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Because he was calling dispatch? Or well, I was not on shift, but will relay message, it is a communication issue. Just because we switched to 800 doesn't mean VHF is just forgotten about."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is probably on our IC on scene he needs to answer 100%. But our end, your end, a little bit of user error of not changing the channel on your end and of not responding on our end These arguments kept going on and on when all it comes back to, in my thoughts are, the radios that you have still are useable they are not paper weights. It comes down to training and getting use to using what you are using or what you have."
- John Sorich stated, "Zach what are your thoughts what did you want to keep in your reserve? You don't want to spend the whole thing; how much are you planning on spending?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "\$70,000.00 this year, I don't know how much is coming and we can do this again next year and spend some next year. If we figure out more radios are needed or/and more turnouts are needed we could get them, but if we spend it all, then were not having no more meetings and hopefully no one needs anything."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I have a question are these guys (Walkerville) and Melrose both only got one radio is there a reason why these two departments only received one? Is this funding done?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "There is three department that only received one radio Walkerville, Melrose and the Airport. It is my understanding that Walkerville and Airport are not funded in our budget.
- Zach Osborne stated, "My understanding the Jeff Miller the Chief then, it was never in Dan Dennehy's plan to include them in the first place. Chief Miller said we had better get them at least one radio."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I don't know where the disconnect is. Those two departments are not part of the TIFID. But they are part of BSB Fire Department, correct? This was passed though the council for fire emergencies per radios they should be treated the same as everyone else. I am assuming that is what has happened, well this is how we do the TIFID money. This money is not distributed the same as the TIFID money, I thought it is county wide? Between the Police and Fire is that not, right?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is the thing Melrose and Walkerville are a funny situation, they are in our county, we don't maintain their stations, trucks, or insure their vehicles. We don't pay for their gas or any of that stuff. They are not in my fire budget."
- Dan Callahan stated, "This special fund that we had approved was a Butte Silver Bow fund for emergency services, it didn't have any separation to my understanding. Dan asked Dave McPherson is there a reason they should have been singled out?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "No, I can't think of a reason."
- Tom Bolton stated, "So on my end I don't want to impose on your meeting, I have two trucks that belong to the town of Walkerville and two that belongs to the state, I am just asking for one more radio for the truck that belongs to the town not the state and one radio for my Asst. Chief, that will stay at the station for whomever goes on the calls. I am not asking for a radio for every seat."

- Dan Callahan stated, "I believe George at Melrose would like the same."
- Tom Bolton stated, "As we go further throughout the years I would like to be considered as much as everyone else. I get 911 is 911 we pay into 911."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Clarification of what they have and whom the radios were requested for (stated above)."
- Dan Callahan stated, "This really isn't TIFID money, did they run out of 911 funds yet? This thing isn't even finalized yet, is it?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "Not yet I don't think."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "It been 2 -3 years now, right?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Start to finish."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "If I got this correct you are going to order 8 radios did you say?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "That was my original thought yes."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We can't change your mind?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I will definitely have to think about it (Walkerville's request)."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Okay do we want to move into pagers then?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "I have been into radios business for a long time okay, you said you are going to buy 8 radios, what brand are they going to be and why?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "These guys bid out Kenwood's."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Kenwood's great! That's what I wanted to know. There was a discussion from a couple of guys from the department if Kenwood radios would be compatible, they will be you probably already researched it. (Handed out some talking points from Tom Dunne for the Kenwood radios.). Trucking radios for half the price of Motorola radios. Which make sense for budget wise. Search and Rescue and A-1 have Kenwood's and they work great. I was just curious how you came up with the 7-8 radios?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "Price wise."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "But those radio right there are \$3,500.00 apiece."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is what I priced them at."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "So the next one they were talking about were the pagers, the dual band pagers, there was some discussion about computer aided dispatch, using cellular phones for the volunteers to monitor what is going on, on the fire ground. Are you familiar with that? I talked to Dave a little bit this morning. I emailed Dave on some communications from Cad and Krippen on the pagers, in his opinion and I agree with it. The cellular phones are not going to work for the volunteers, the reason I say that is not everyone has a smart phone, I don't ever bring my cell phone to a fire call. I had a pager and wished I still had it ; we had set up as soon as we received the page, we could go to the fire switch to a bank were you could monitor the call. You would know who's responding who's at the scene. Right now, we take the radios and leave, others can't monitor what's going on and don't know what to do. It's a monitoring issue. The point is it will not pick up trucking. That is why volunteers are leaning on the Dual-Band 800 MHz pagers. We also have our mutual aid tones, red, yellow, gold we can scan those and monitor calls. I realize the new CAD dispatch system is good for hydrant locations, reports etc. but not for volunteer departments and trucking and I don't know if Dave can answer that question or not."

- Dave McPherson stated, "Right now we are not getting VHF pagers, the industry standards are pagers are 99.999% of the time, cell phones are not that way. We bought a module with dispatcher to type in to send to the cell phones."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "So you have one dispatcher on duty, is he going to have enough time to type in direction for everyone else?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Yes, I have a whole bunch of paperwork and research on all of this, so let's first go back to the Kenwood radios, there were no question if they would ever work with anything we have Motorola. The questions were on some of the features that were asked at the CAD meetings, could you track a Kenwood radio on the Motorola system, and they flat out said no."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Who said no?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Motorola."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Because it is a proprietary system, but if you read what I just said there about P25, as long as there is no proprietary location, it can be tracked, and I don't understand why we need GPS system anyway."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I understand about the P25 is a standard, and it was never confirmed that we were getting GPS. We were having discussions and that is where it expanded from. So that could be squashed right now. Kenwood radio would work, fantastic! It was just a question that was brought up in the meeting and blew up for some reason, we want to make that clear Kenwood radio would work fantastic with the Motorola system. If we wanted to do that later down the road, I am sure we will figure it out. Right now, it is not a concern.
As far as cellular paging, you would have a chance depending how much we dive into the system to locate trucks and see if they were out on scenes, you could track your guys where they are at from the time the call rings out. It has all these capabilities, and it is not replacing the paging system, it is an outlet and secondary."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "I get that if you read this documentation, it talks about 911, and how their compute rated systems fail. We need something right now until the system is up and running, to know when our trucks are going."
- Jerry Brother stated, "We need a way to monitor."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "We can monitor as well, that is an option with the new cell phone pagers. You can monitor them both analogical and digital, yes it cost couple hundred dollars to get that equipment, but you can monitor both, on the pre alert systems you could have whatever you want. This is separate, this is not CAD, it is a secondary system."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "How long, we need something right now. We have SafeAlert right now for a secondary system, and it takes a long time."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Is there any equipment anywhere, or is it just app based or on-line, can I ask that really quick."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "It is app based. SafeAlert is at Boulevard station. If T mobile technician is out or a tower down or the server is down, T mobile customers are not going to get it. Same thing with AT&T and Verizon that is our concern. We need something real time, something in our hand other than a cell phone."
- Dave McPherson stated, "That is why we are not using cell phones as a primary thing."
- John Sorich stated, "I get that you don't want to bring your cell phone to a fire scene."

- Zach Osborne stated, "Are you not getting the notification that there is an incident prior. You get the notification on your phone; I am learning just as much as you, you get the notification that there is a fire and location. Put your phone down and go to the station what am I missing?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "That is what I do now, but the point of it is, is monitoring we don't know if engine 6 needs to tie into engine 2, engine 6 could have 2 people on it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Don't you go to the station and get into a truck that has a radio?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "It for response Zach, so if we leave the house and get to the station and all the trucks are gone, we have no way to know, if we need to tie into, say Riley is on engine 2, until we arrive on scene."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "If we wanted to pick up Rocker's tender, we don't know if we want to do that. A lot of the guys in Boulevard live behind the Copper King, do they want to come all the way to Boulevard and back to Copper King. We have no way of monitoring. On the volunteer side they really want pagers. We all have pagers we have been buying them."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I don't know that everyone put in for pagers."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "They must not need them. What we are arguing here is, prior to arriving on the fire, there is no way of monitoring it. Fitz and Grady Fisher they don't keep their phone in the bedroom when they go to bed. So, people are not calling from MRI. Whereas the pagers sit beside the bed and when they get up, they put the pager on their belt. "
- Zach Osborne stated, "Is it any different when Lee is off shift tonight and he gets a call for a call back on his phone he puts that in his bedroom because he knows that is his job. He must put it in his bedroom so that he can get a call. When he gets a call from dispatch, they tell him to go to Station 1 for a call back. He knows he just must go to the Station. He doesn't know what is going on until he gets to the Station."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "You don't get it, we are going into a situation blind."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You already have crews not going blind, is that right? You are just going to the Station."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "I don't know who's on duty or who's off. I don't know if someone took engine 6 or the mini because I can't monitor, I am not going out and buy \$300 for a scanner and program it to monitor everything. Or \$800 out of my pocket for a pager."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is this on the phone going to be a primary thing? Will it erupt a call if I am on the phone with a customer?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "You will get a notification either a sound or vibration, it isn't going to replace any primary system."
- George Stone stated, "Are these all app based?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "They are app based, but they will send equipment that is connected to the station's radios, that will make dispatch time more reliable, they say less than a minute you would have full dispatch on your phone, they come with pre alerts, then the page. You can then click to see who is responding, where they are responding and which truck and a whole lot more."
- Riley Hash stated, "You don't have to take your phone to the fire ground. You can drive it to the station and leave your phone in your truck. Then the system discontinues it, and you go into the station. It discontinues travel time (tracking). Your phone never goes to the fire ground. Then you have a radio in your hand. The phone can talk to you when you are driving."

- Lee Sullivan stated, "The options are lamresponding, Who's Responding and eDispatches. It is just options it is not a requirement. We are trying to help and give you more features, options to help you get to the scene. It has nothing to do with us, it doesn't benefit the career department by any means."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Since it is an option, why don't you order pager now! Pagers are three weeks out."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "This system is a week, by the time you order pagers and this system you would be getting them both at the same time. This is not CAD."
- George Stone stated, "So this is not tied to dispatch, it will be coming though from say Station 1? There will be equipment there basically. It just forwards the call on your phone."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I think this would be a very good backup. I think we still really need pagers."
- Riley Hash stated, "At the expense of pagers, you guys could equip rather than 4-5 guys per station with a pager, you could equip your entire department or entire county with this plus a pager if they already have one. Everyone will listen to it in real time, and beyond that, there is a free trial process with it. So, I think it is something we seriously need to look at. Let's let these guys come in and show you why they succeed so much in other places before we shone out. Let them show us what it can do. There is no expense they will come in and set it up for free and have a trail period. You might think it is the next best thing from sliced cheese. Maybe I do want to take my phone to the fire hall and leave it in the truck when I get there, because that is easier than tracking my pager down."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The research that we did, and different readings we did in firehouse and different things this is a great secondary response deal. They still recommend the pagers."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Let's do the ISO rating for Silver Bow County needing two forms of notification. Pagers and sirens are how they get it right now."
- George Stone stated, "You would still have the pagers as primary, it sounds like this system will let you monitor it from what I understand. So that solves that problem, they're some people that don't have smart phones, I don't know what percentage it is. Probably not very high."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "They're all compatible, regular flip phones, the only not compatible with is a land line."
- John Sorich stated, "Refresh how pagers work. Years ago, you would be paged, and you would hear every call, but if you hit the reset button on top of it, you could not hear anything until you switched to different channel."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "The pagers I have done the research on, you have it set up for a pager so you would hear every medical call if you wanted to listen to it, Terra Verde gets paged out, you could turn it to a different channel, you could monitor it on the trucking side of things. It is a voice recorder, so if you said George, I am at George Hiding house we have a big burner going on, you hear it, play it back, the technology is phenomenal. I am not trying to knock Lee and Riley's project in the dirt but, we need something now."
- Jake Hanley stated, "So, if you need something now, I understand you have three trucks, and all three trucks go, if you are worried about catching it? I guess what I am asking, if you get a call and you have two 800MHz radios and the VHF still works, could you as a department, leave a

800MHz radio behind, knowing you could still communicate with each other on the fire ground whether it be VHF or UHF?"

- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "That is a possibility."
- Jake Hanley stated, "You leave a radio behind; you show up at the station to get a truck, turn the 800MHz on, ask Grady whoever is on scene, hey what do you need? He relays the information to you, you leave the radio knowing that your unit check works respond to the scene, whoever grabs the mini or tender or that engine, can grab that VHF and bring it to you, then we get a solution."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "I understand but, it is the response from the house to the station."
- Jake Hanley stated, "It is no difference from what we are doing now, if I get called out tonight, I still don't have an idea until I get to the station, to figure out what my next responsibility is."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "So, time is critical right?"
- Jake Hanley stated, "I understand that."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "So, you have three volunteer firemen and three different fire stations going, uptown, south side and Race Track, they don't have any idea if Race Track 77 left."
- Jake Hanley stated, "Who don't?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Twoie and his guys, because I am sure you leave all your radios at the station, right?"
- Gary Mattern stated, "No, I carry my radio myself, I actually carry both my radios, I carry my old radio from the old system. We are set up different, are gear is at the station, in order, to get your turn outs, you must go to the station. When you get to the station, if the engine is gone, you know the engine is gone, the same with the squad. We run different. We have used this paging system on our phone with most of current members, because our pagers have been broken and dead for a long time and we have had success with it, I mean we have had issue but we have success with it too."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I guess, you want to be able to monitor what the vehicles are doing, so do you want to know if you can go right from your house to catch the engine and arrive on scene or if it has left the station?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "I want to know if it has left the station."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Why would you just not go to the station anyways?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Here is the situation, Grady is right around the corner, we have 1-2 guys in the district, Engine 6 goes, I have no idea they left, I have no idea they want me to tie into engine 2 or the ladder truck."
- Zach Osborne stated, "But you are not on scene it doesn't affect you, you just said Grady is already gone and he would be the one tying into engine 2, what do you have to tie into engine 2?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "100% the volunteers want to be able to monitor, I think this is a fantastic secondary response deal, we will really try and hold out for pagers. Most of the departments, I guess I will talk for my department, I am not getting everyone pagers, I know the guys in my department most will not carry pagers."
- Zach Osborne stated, "How many did you request?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I put in for 10 pagers, I have 17 members, Boulevard put in for 17 radios and 20 pagers and I believe they have 25 members. There is some that will not carry pagers. Me

personally, my pager is in my van, I don't wear it into a customer's house when I am rolling around, that is when I use my phone, if it is something major going on at the Airport, I would excuse myself and go to the van and I have got it. The pager goes with me I don't wear it into bars, and I am against people wearing it into bars. If I see someone wearing a radio or pager into a bar, I will say something. "

- Dave McPherson stated, "How many volunteers we got?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "119"
- Dave McPherson stated, "I figured \$700.00 a pager at 100 pagers, \$105,000.00 is a ballpark figure."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Are you saying you have that in your budget?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "No."
- George Stone stated, "What do these systems run (phone systems)?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Annually, the most \$5,000.00 a year re-accruing for the whole county. You can have up to however many members, we have well enough room to add or take away."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Would this be at the uptown station or at dispatch or what?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Either one just so it has reliable internet and a back up generator is the two main things you have to have."
- John Sorich stated, "You are talking about 118 volunteer members, correct? How many are really active, can we guess half of that, a quarter of that?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I hate to say anything but, I would guess if we had half of those pagers, we would be well covered."
- George Stone stated, "Getting back to the monitoring issue to, we have the largest district area, kind of and part of the problem we have is are members are scattered though out the county, most live in Terra Verde area, but not necessarily, like I am 15-20 minutes away from the station, so it is handy, so I do take a radio home with me, then I know what is going on and whether I need to hurry down or just hang out and wait at home. So that work well for me, but none of my other guys have any way of knowing what's going on, whether the call has been cancelled. Dispatch has been pretty good most of the time calling in and doing another page for cancelling 50-60% of the time. The rest to the time they don't know whether the call is cancelled. Most of the calls we have had this year that is exactly what has happened. If we had that plane coming in that lost an engine, if I had not had the radio to know what was actually going on and they follow up with saying that on the 800MHz that they were 5 minutes out, there was no point in me going anywhere. They would have landed before I could get there. That just saves a lot of...kind of a safety issue partly to. So, being able to monitor what's going on, especially if you are a little behind the curve on getting there, sometimes I am right in the middle of doing something and it is later, I can respond, say from home whether I need to or not need to, what kind of equipment do I need to bring."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "How many of your members scan the old VHF or use to scan listening, does any of your members know how to scan the old system on fire 1. You could switch in the truck back to VH1, everyone still listening to their pager, and it would broadcast on FH1 right and you could still communicate."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "It is a possibility."

- Lee Sullivan stated, "That would be a fix today without having equipment here today. If you get a call tonight and you are responding, Grady gets into the truck, dispatch is responding, you could click two click over and...."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "In reality though, are they going to do that?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "That is up to you guys! I meant your department; I am just asking."
- George Stone stated, "That is part of the problem when you put it on scan or when you switch it over off the main deal. The trouble is it is scanning the paging channel and fire 1. Half the time you can't understand what is going on, because it keeps switching off of fire 1, when you "are just figuring out what is going on, then it switches over to paging, it doesn't lock on whatever active. That to me is almost worthless."
- John Sorich stated, "Years ago I can see trying to stay up with the current technologies and it is important, we have to find a happy medium of the current technology, years ago when I joined Race Track, the phone use to ring, you would show up at the department, whoever was on the truck would write the address on the board, that was our communication, you would go and report in, so you would know who was there. Then we got the pagers, the pagers kind of side stepped some of that. Then we had guys going directly to the fire scene, you didn't know who was showing up, that was an occasional problem. I can understand using current technology, it can be a good thing, but it needs to benefit, for everyone and it not a struggle."
- Zach Osborne stated, "My thoughts on pagers, your guys' response and safety is important, but to throw out \$100,000 right away without even trying the free trail, seems a little silly. I say try the free trail and be honest. There are some departments that are totally against it already, we will find out. Let's do the free trail, see how it goes, historically, I am talking to the Fire Advisory members, they don't meet June, July, and August. I don't know if that is what we want to do. Try this out while we are taking a break from these meetings. If it absolutely doesn't work, let's revisit."
- John Sorich stated, "I would ask that we try it, and error mark \$50,000 for pagers, just in case it doesn't work."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is fine, that is why I don't want to empty the fund right away. We don't know that doesn't work without giving it a try."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "What kind of pager were requested, is there only one brand and numbers should all be the same?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Yes, the pagers are Communications, G5 P25 Dual-Band Voice Pagers, VHF & 700/800MHz, chargers, templates, program testing."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "The quote is from October of last year also, price includes testing, set up, and templates. I believe the setup, there is 10 banks and is pre setup."
- John Sorich stated, "Lee when is your project system going to be set up?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "The CAD system, will be set up sometime in May of next year. By the time it goes live."
- George Stone stated, "But CAD has nothing to do with this paging system."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "No, this research that has been done is separate. (CAD does have paging capabilities to your phone as well)."
- Zach Osborne stated, "CAD, has already been paid for as well."

- Lee Sullivan stated, "I believe you can live listen through CAD, but you will have access to the CAD information via text message, that is typed in and sent to you, it can send cancellations, it is not a matter of selecting each member, it actually does a pre alert system, so if your response area was selected, your engines will auto populate into CAD and you would get a pre alert saying your getting a call and as soon as she puts in que and sends the call out, you will get the actual dispatch information. Once we figure how to get everyone on CAD to access that information, you can respond from CAD letting dispatch know that, hey I am responding and have left the station, whatever the station,"
- George Stone stated, "Is it texted based?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Yes text for now, and then once the call is complete, we could set up an email address that sends your department a run report of the calls and times and everything that happened on the event as well. Something to think about because it is already paid for as well, it is part of the system, it is already there."
- George Stone stated, "I have a question for dispatch, at the present you're not typing everything in, will they have to type in Terra Verde, Home Atherton etc. and the address and what the call is about all of that right?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "Right."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is not for you guys."
- George Stone stated, "I know I am just saying it is going to take some time to do that, are you going to have the time to do that, other than doing it strictly voice?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "They have to type all of that in the incident address, what type the call is police or fire, that is when you get sent to the call, if they check the box that it is a structure fire in your district it will automatically auto populate, this system will be set up that way. Once they type in the address you will get a pre alert, then you will get the dispatch text message or an email sent to you, stating the address, this is what it is, structure fire, here is your time, then information etc."
- George Stone stated, "But we are not doing that at the present time, not till after the fact?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "We will have two dispatchers and will happen quickly."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Dave, what is your suggestion on all of this? On your guy's end what would be the best, what direction? You guys are the core where the information is coming from."
- Dave McPherson stated, "I suggest you try this lamresponding free trail, which ever one you decide to go with. We have talked to the Motorola guy with the possibility of the ability of going across channel broadcast where we transmit on one frequency and there is programming in the radio that transmits it on another frequency so, it will come over high band, it will come over reader and transmit to high band, so you can hear that information."
- Dan Callahan stated, "The reason why we switched over to this whole new system was there was too much frequency in the air. Have we improved a bunch along this route? "
- Dave McPherson stated, "Absolutely, 95% pretty close, we still have a couple of dead spots, Rocker over Flying J, that is a dead spot, but you're going to have it. It not 100%, it is the terrain."
- George Stone stated, "The other benefit to lamresponding like you say you can report in, does this other system allow for that to?"

- Lee Sullivan stated, "The CAD, you would have to log into the system under your unit, truck, and phone whatever the case may be. Let them know your responding."
- George Stone stated, "I guess lamresponding has a little more capability than that then, Boulevard uses it, when you get the page you can get on your phone and say I am responding to the fire from the station or I am not available, you can put all that stuff out there. So, your guys know what is going on. I have been in favor for years of this type of lamresponding, county wide. You could set it up where every volunteer station is just another station on the system, even your two stations, then everyone will have an idea of who's doing what. But you do have to have internet or smart phone to pull that part of everything off."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "The app is still out there, these systems are like personnel accountability, CAD is the department accountability, so they are separate entities, once CAD comes into play, CAD can send more information, they call it like enhanced CAD."
- George Stone stated, "So it will tie into these?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "You won't get a lot of information but, more notes they tie into everything, they all kind of integrate in house."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "Do you guys have all the information about the availability of all of this? Other departments that are using it? I could research on my own."
- Gary Mattern stated, "There are several that have switched to lamresponding and like it and have a pager backup. (Listed some examples). Most of the Dillon Fire stopped carrying their pagers, because lamresponding has worked so well. The feature I liked on it; you could actually list your availability on it. If you walked into Dillon Fire right now, it has a screen of whose available right now or you can tag yourself out of service for whatever reason. You can see who's available at any moment."
- George Stone stated, "I think you can see that on your phone too."
- Riley Hash stated, "You can look at that board and track them live to see how far away from the station they are, and wait, they the member is almost here why would I leave right now, wait 30 seconds and they will be here, and the member can jump on the truck."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is there money available for the monitor in the stations?"
- Joel Worth stated, "What is the difference from the one you are talking about and the one we are already using?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "What is the one you are already using?"
- Joel Worth stated, "lamresponding."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "It is the same thing the only thing different is your using an app based, the one we are talking about, you are getting the equipment that ties into the radio system, it is hard wired to our system. Do you track people already on it right now?"
- Joel Worth stated, "You can get on there and track people who are coming."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Same thing just faster call coming in."
- George Stone stated, "They just don't have the capability to get on the 800 to listen."
- Riley Hash stated, "lamresponding is the only one of these three that doesn't offer live listening currently, they are waiting for SCC approval, but they have it all line out ready to go and just waiting for the Federal Government to say ok. The other two you will be able to track, times and listen all within a second of the time listening to the page. It is giving you very ability a pager will, minus the pager if you will."

- Jerry Brother stated, "Lee what do you suggest of the three?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I would suggest trying all three. I don't know when I am responding is going to do a live listen, which I know you guys want to monitor. So, for sure do the other two, first do eDispatch try their free trail, then Who's Responding's do their free trail. These are the quotes, your welcome to take a copy, the quotes include what the price would entail, the most is just shy of \$5,000.00 annually, like \$4,720.00. you can have all member on it, it is a secondary solution it doesn't replace anything. It is just adding on to what you currently have. You can get really technical if you want and track guys, trucks, reporting systems etc. eDispatches converts your phone into like a two-way radio, you could just tap a button, say your conversations to the group you're in, you can talk back and forth. The pagers you can't talk back and forth on. Just some options that have nice features if you guys wanted to use."
- Tom Bolton stated, "Would you include Walkerville and Melrose, correct?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Yep, that could include you guys as well."
- John Sorich stated, "Okay, we have been here an hour and half and have not solved a whole lot. I looked at the December minutes, approximately at the end of FY2023 TIFID will get roughly \$30,000.00. What about using the \$30,000.00 and buy the pagers, it is not enough for everyone but at least give them to the Chiefs? They are the ones that know who is going to show up. I do believe communication is important. It would be up to the Chief's to determine who would use them. That would be approximately 40-45 pagers?"
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "There would probably be a price break on the quantity rate. I haven't had a chance to discuss that. Then depending on the time of the year they would throw in additional year warranty."
- John Sorich stated, "And again, all we can do is recommend, that is what the Fire Advisory Committee does is recommend. I don't think the pagers will go to waste."
- Zach Osborne stated, "And still try this?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The volunteers really want pagers. I don't know how many you would want to buy? Right now, anyone of these is fantastic for a backup."
- Zach Osborne stated, "But until we try these systems we don't know if they are just good enough for a backup. If Dillon can use it and I can't remember who else, you said. I get it but should we be making that discission before we even try it."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I really do. As far as missing meetings in the summer, we have already cancelled the last two meetings. We have got to meet next month."
- Joel Worth stated, "Boulevard doesn't have a radio head on engine 6, with two handheld one of those are going to be on the guy at the pump. Since you are only doing 8 radios. Do I need to put in a different request to get a couple of those? We need at least another radio or two."
- Zach Osborne stated, my thoughts are: 8 radios, Boulevard (125) run the most calls, you have the most manpower, you would get more or the most out of the 8 radios, Home Atherton (59) is next, then Race Track (54). All the other departments were down."

5. George Stone made a motion to proceed with the free trail of the electric dispatch portion, Dan Callahan second the motion, all were in favor.

- John Sorich stated, "Motion was made will suggest to the Director of Fire Services."

- Jerry Brothers stated, "Are we going to be able to do this a dispatch location?"
- Dave McPherson stated, "Yes"
- George Stone stated, "We don't have to, we could put it at either station too."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "If they are out on calls or weekends and it goes down. Dispatch there is always someone there. "
- Lee Sullivan stated, "That is true, you also get an alert if the system is down. There are virtually no down times, they can't guarantee that it depends on our end of viable internet and power. As far as their end, they are internet based so they have multiple servers throughout the nation, one of the companies even has services up in Canada. So, if a server goes down, maintenance or updates, they just switch to a different server."
- Dan Callahan stated, "So if the power goes out, say Rocker that tower is no longer active correct, because they don't have backup, right? Because it happens."
- Dave McPherson stated, "Some of them do, they have a backup generator on the towers."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Do any of the volunteer stations have a backup generator? The career stations and dispatch does."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Do you test them all out at the same time?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I would wait and do lamresponding last, so the longer you wait to see if they get the SCC license up and going."
- George Stone stated, "Did you say the trail period is 45-60 days."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I believe that is what most of them are. Who's Responding could give a little bit longer."
- Riley Hash stated, "Most of this, they will come in and give you a tutorial on how it works and give you a run down so you know it works."
- Dan Callahan stated, "What does it take to set it up?"
- Riley Hash stated, "They will do it entirely for us. They will ship us the equipment, we hook it up."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Basically a couple parts, one is a scanner one is a detector plug them into a wall and they send you a laptop and program the computer system."
- John Sorich stated, "What do they cost to buy?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "There is annual hardware fees, rentals. Some are \$400.00 annually that is all included in these prices."
- John Sorich stated, "So, we decided on the radio and pagers, TIFID approval and denied requests, the last meeting we pretty much approached everything but, the radios and pagers. We will go back to the agenda and discuss secretary report."

6. SECRETARY/TRESURES REPORT

- February 1, 2022 (FY 2022 Report) balance in the TIFID Fund is \$279,992.48
 - Reserve \$30,000.00
 - Possible FY 2023 \$30,004.79 (will confirm)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jerry Brothers stated, "Being that Boulevard was not getting anything, Boulevard asked me if they could put another request in?"

NEW BUSINESS:

BOULEVARD VFD REQUESTS:

- **Zach Osborne** stated, "It doesn't hurt to put a request in. We can review my approval and deny listings. Boulevard only put in for radios and pagers, again my thoughts 8 radios right away, we will reevaluate in a few months. I would say three of those radios should go to Boulevard, they also asked for pagers, and you know where we are with that."

BIG BUTTE VFD REQUESTS:

APPROVED

- 1 – TFT Ball Intake Valve Model:ABD3ST-NX 6" female NH X 5" Storz BIV-LP (\$1,340.00)
- 1 – TFT Siamese 5" Storz X (2) 2.5" F NH No Clappers or Valves, plain (\$682.00)
- 1 – Tubular Webbing, 1" x 300 ft Spool Colors: Red, Black, Yellow, Blue, Orange, Purple, Olive Drab. Only available in 1" (\$195.00)
- 1 - Freight (\$175.00)

Hold - Wildland

- 2 – Wildland Hose Clamp, 1" X 1.5" hose (\$310.00)
- 2 – Wildland Hose Packs, capacity 2-100'Lgt (\$399.00)
- 10 – Lion Apparel Gloves, MechFlex Xtreme (\$550.00)

- Zach Osborne stated, "Here is my question for dedicated Wildland requests, it is my understanding that every year the volunteer departments or the Fire Council receives \$8,000.00 from a Wildland Grant. They have received this Grant multiple years. They have put in for it again this year. I would say they are going to get it. That is \$900.00 per department, if each department utilizes that grant, that is the kind of things gloves, wildland packs, wildland hose clamps, those are the kind of things that Grant is supposed to be used for. I don't monitor what they use the DNRC Grant for. The Grant gets approved and passed through to the Fire Council and is the Fire Council's job or responsibility to divvy it up to each department. I don't know if that happens?"
- George Stone stated, "That is the way it used to be but now, it is based on what you put in for. So, each department is responsible for putting into up to \$1,000.00 worth and..."

- Zach Osborne stated, Big Butte alone is asking for (listed above- not approved), \$1,260.00, if they don't get it, then they use the grant? They get \$8,000.00 every year."
- George Stone stated, "Each individual department has to submit it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Why isn't Big Butte utilizing that grant last year's money? This year's coming up money?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "You would have to talk to Ted Bury about that."
- Zach Osborne stated, "The Grant stated specifically in the wording, this is use towards Wildland specific equipment, examples are gloves, helmets, axes etc."
- George Stone stated, "We have put in for the last couple of years is pagers."
- **Zach Osborne stated, "I am going to hold off for a while on wildland equipment for now, until I get a better idea of what the \$8,000.00 is being used for. If he is asking for money out of that grant and almost \$1,300.00 out of TIFID. Do they run that many Wildland calls? That they need that this year? I am not sure. I would be happy to talk to Ted and see what his thought are. That is what that Grant is used for, okay."**

BSB CAREER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:

Hold-

(revised 7 APPROVED-\$22,776.00)

(10) – TOLL AED 3R BLS EMS/ FIRE package (\$28,470.00)

- Zach Osborne stated, "I am putting a hold on AED's, our EMS coordinator is doing a great job, but he is bouncing back and forth, between three different brands, I want to know exactly which one we are ordering."
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BSB CAREER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS cont.:

APPROVED

Technical Rescue Team Equipment

4 – Ropes 2 each 150' static Red and 2 each 150" Blue (\$751.00)

200' - Prusik Cord & Load Release Hitch Cord (\$186.00)

4 – Scrab Rescue Tool(\$580.54)

4 – Big Gun Harness (\$519.80)

6 – Norsk Kit 30" Shoe Shoes (\$539.70)

6 – Avalanche Kits (Beacon, Probe, Shovel) (\$1,917.00)

- Jerry Brother stated, "Have they already received theirs?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "They have received some of their winter stuff. They did a class and needed that equipment."

CENTERVILLE VFD REQUESTS:

HOME ATHERTON VFD REQUESTS:

APPROVED

- 4 – HT-12x18 Canvas Recovery Tarps (\$712.00)
- 2 – 1.5NH Slide 30-150GPM PG Nozzle w/handle (\$1,210.00)
- 4 – Wheel Chock 8"W x 8" X 11" (\$260.00)
- 3 – 25' x 2.5 Hose (\$519.00)
- 3 – 25 x 1.75 Hose (\$330.00)

Hold-Wildland-private owner

- 2 – HT-12x18 Canvas Recovery Tarps (\$356.00)
- 2 - Wheel Chock 8"W x 8" X 11" (\$130.00)

LITTLE BASIN CREEK VFD REQUESTS:

APPROVED

(revised- price \$435.96 limit on Binoculars, how many would depend on Brand)

- 3 – 36" Bolt Cutter (\$134.97)
- 3 – Spanner Hydrant Wrenches (\$143.85)
- 5 – 100' of ¾ Hose (\$384.75)
- Shipping (\$34.95)

- Zach Osborne stated, "I am still working with Twoie on getting his turnouts back, that's on hold and globe boots back that's on hold."

RACE TRACK VFD REQUESTS:

Hold-until later

- 2 – Full sets of Turnouts (\$10,000.00)
- 3 – Globe Boots (2 boots already purchased) (\$1,750.0)

APPROVED

- 1 – Small Thermal Camera (\$600.00)

FLORAL PARK VFD REQUESTS:

Not Approved

- 16 – Scott snap change cylinders, (that are different from the county's)

- Zach Osborne stated, "I talked with SCBA Team at the station, they are very confident that with a small charge or fee they could just change the fitting on top of their current bottle that will adapt to their current pack. Should be a small fee, we don't need to spend \$21,000.00."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "In the budget for last year we had 10 bottles coming? I believe the budget had 10 bottles, because we want 10 bottles coming every year."
- Zach Osbornes stated, "We got approved for \$6,000.00. You get bottles every year, that hard the packs are going to expire."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "The packs don't expire the bottles do."
- Zach Osborne stated, "The bottles expire and basically the pack expire. Because five years and your Scott Pack has a new developed Scott Pack. So, after a certain number of years they stop making parts for that Scott pack. So, now your basically scrapping parts off other packs to one pack. The basically expire."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "I must have some clarification here I am sorry. I know your guys isn't here. The reason the city the paid got all new packs because they said all of theirs were expired and couldn't get any parts. Then we took all of those and distributed them through the volunteers and suddenly, we got parts. I was under the impression that a pack was exactly the same as our turn outs as long as they met the criteria at the time of purchased, they do not expire."
- Zach Osborne stated, "They don't expire as in you have to change them out. I am using expire as a term as right now the career department has two different generations of packs. Say, Gen X and Gen Y, right now our Gen X packs we can't get parts, say we started out with 20 packs, now we are down to 10, because on the wall there are 10, we are stealing parts from to service our other 10. In five years, our Gen Y packs are on the other side of the wall, because every five years they come out with a new Generation pack."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Ours are older than yours."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Got to ask for money. I have no idea. In five years to just equip the two paid departments and that is today's price \$610,000.00, just to equip paid stations. Somethings got to change. If it doesn't change, I don't know how we are going to equip two paid stations and 9 other volunteer stations with new packs. If only the paid stations are \$610,000.00 at today's price that is not in five years. God knows how much in five years the packs are going to be worth. So, Jerry I wish I knew the answer for you. "
- Jerry Brothers stated, "That is why we concentrated on getting the bottles, so we would never run out of bottles. Now we really got to look at getting some packs."
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is my belief that getting packs every single year, just gets you by it doesn't fix the problem, it is a band-aid to the large problem that we are going to have. If we buy 4 packs, in 4-5 years those will be starting to be no-existent, because they stopped making parts for those 4 packs. So, you buy 4 packs just to get us by."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is this the industry wide or is it just what Scot does?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "My understanding it is industry wide. We are not partial to Scot"
- George Stone stated, "So, the old pressure ones, there is still a lot of those that are working. For some reason now due to technology, they can't make them last longer?"

- Zach Osborne stated "I don't know, I requested \$122,000.00 this year in SCBA's in the budget to be carried over every year until we have enough funds, unless you needed it. It is going to be a huge issue for us, during five years."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Obviously that is going to be a nationwide problem. You would think someone somehow some where someone will step in. Emergency people can't be buying equipment every five years. It would put everyone right out of business."
- Zach Osborne stated, "The hard part FEMA is not giving out Grants like they used to. I will continue to look for Grants. I told Mr. Merrifield and EOC to help me out on that if they see anything to let me know. We need well over a million dollars to equip all the stations. If something doesn't change or happen, we are going to be in a bad situation. If they stay working, we will be fine, but as soon as something breaks, we can't replace them and that is what happens."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "I believe some of the issues are not every five years but, the change something so, like your regulator won't connect in or your buddy breather will not connect to that pack."
- Gary Mattern stated, "That is what is wrong, they think that the fire departments have a forever following of funds and most of them are in bigger cities they can afford to do that but forget about the little guy."
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, the bottles I will get with my SCBA Tech."

ROCKER VFD REQUESTS:

TERRA VERDE VFD REQUESTS:

Held - Wildland

4 – Frank's Wildland Boots (\$1,776.00)

- Zach Osborne stated, "Same question, on wildland, what did you do with the Grant, what did you do with it last year, what are you doing with it this year? I don't know anything about Frank's, I have been on a lot of calls with Danner's, Danner's are a little bit cheaper. I can get with you, and you can just let me know what the DNRC Grant looks like. If you used it last year. If you have already got it."
- George Stone stated, "I told you already we have used the Grant funds for the last three years for pagers."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Well if you could do half out of your grant, I will do half out of this, we can discuss after. That is all the departments! Any questions?"
- John Sorich stated, "Will confirm funds for FY 2022 and FY 2023. In the event there is an additional \$30,000.00 I would recommend submitting to the Director of Fire Services a request to spend 30,000.00 more would make \$100,000.00 of that money (\$70,000.00) for the pagers. This would

still leave funds in the account as needed and leave the \$30,000.00 in reserve as requested by Dan Foley to finish any projects after funds all gone. "

- Zach Osborne stated, "After you do these trail periods of 4-5 months away, just to see how two of them are? Are we trying to get all three in?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "He would recommend all three. One at a time for the trial period."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Then we can have a Fire Advisory meeting before all trail periods ends, and go off all requests, we will take care of these requests first. A lot of things might change, we just don't know. I am not part of the volunteer departments, I could just recommend where I would put the 8 radios, when you get the 8 radios in, I don't want to cause a fight between the volunteer department on who get what right now. But just know that 8 is what is getting bought right now. It is not the final word we still got money in the TIFID. I don't want to cause a fight. What are your guy's thoughts, should I just call it out right now where the 8 radio should go, because I am more than happy to do that?"
- John Sorich stated, "Zach are you just thinking about the call volumes?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "The call volumes and personnel."
- John Sorich stated, "I think that is fair."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I have a question, what kind of remedies do we have for radios for Walkerville and Melrose?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "So, what you guys are looking for is another handheld and truck radio (Walkerville). If that handheld was in the truck, would you still need a truck radio and a handheld? While you were in the truck you could be listening to the handheld. You would get the same capabilities."
- Tom Bolton stated, "I would get same capabilities. I would like to have a handheld and a truck radio. I still have two other trucks."
- George Stone stated, "The handheld is probably twice the price of a remote truck radio?"

- John Sorich stated, "Bill in your experience a handheld inside of a truck isn't nearly effective, is it? You don't have that ground play."
- George Stone stated, "You don't have the wattage either."
- Bill Fitzpatrick stated, "The watts are not consistent, and you can reach farther with truck radio."
- Tom Bolton stated, "Chief I would be happy with Kenwood, also."
- Dan Callahan stated, "I think if we address the truck issue, that would be good and a radio for every guy if the money is there?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I will work with the career guys they will be having some demos on the AED and more research, before I decide."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Zach can you please call the Chief's and let them know what they can order the approvals."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Yes."
- John Sorich stated, "Moving on the status of fire calls, Zach."
- Zach Osborne stated, it has been hit or miss getting them, I have just requested what the Charter says. I requested or asked that every volunteer department please report at the end of every month what your total fire call volume was. Pretty simple request, Diane made a spreadsheet for them,

that includes, what the date was, address, kind of call, engine responded in, it has been hit or miss (Spreadsheet handed out). Still working on a few departments to report their 2021 reported calls. You can read the Charter language a few different ways, the Charter says that the volunteer districts to only respond within their district and the rural response plan contradicts what the Charter says. Little Basin Creek they back fill Boulevard Station every time Boulevard leaves their district. I am not 100% agreeance for that, you're just vacating a district to fill another district, you are using \$5.50 a gallon diesel to go sit at another station. Boulevard is far closer for us to protect if something happened in Little Basin Creek when they leave their district to go cover Boulevard. So, Little Basin Creek reported to me like 90 some calls and they do a good job, they talk about in their report that it is just a Boulevard backfill or this call is in our district. So, as you can see the numbers, Boulevard goes double more than anyone else, Home Atherton, Race Track right in that 50-60 and so on. If you have questions for me, I don't know what else I can explain. We are into May I have only received a couple for April. A lot of times they miss a month, then get to me with 2-3 months, I don't think it is a big ask, they go on a couple of calls a year, we provided the spreadsheet, they just must fill it in send it to me or drop it off physically or email it to me, again not a big ask. It is just for our data. Once we get our new ESO software here at the end of the year, I am still going to request this, this is still a good idea just to stay accountable and keep me in the loop of how many calls people are going on. The new ESO is far easier to track each vehicle arriving on scene. If you have any questions, go ahead."

- Jerry Brothers stated, "I have a question and it pertains to you shutting us down on Hazardous Materials and gas call and stuff."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You are not shut down."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is it going to affect our ISO rating, when we are going to fewer calls?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "Those calls are still getting marked down, you are still responding to the station."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We haven't been called. There has been calls in our district, but we haven't been called."
- Zach Osborne stated, "You get called or paged, you get called to stand by at your station."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "No, we hear on the deal gas smell at 50 Atherton Lane (for example) no call from us."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That has nothing to do with your ISO. It is where your station is and where a hydrant is."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "So, how many calls do we go on in a year? Our call volume went down."
- John Sorich stated, "Zach on the fire calls is it asking how many members responded?"
- Zach Osborne stated, "I thought about it, that would be iffy for the IC whether it be a volunteer Chief or a paid Chief, it is obviously that departments Chief or man in charge to make sure he records the number of people, definitely something for our group to talk about, if you think it is a good idea, I can send out another email, we could track the number of people that are going on calls better, again it makes it more accountable, it show from their report, they are doing a fire report which they should, who is on the call, so it anything happens on that call, if something happens to that person, they are covered in workers compensation. If that person is not recorded on the call and he goes and breaks his leg, what is workers compensation going to say? You were not even reported on the report. What is your suggestion? I can write an email to the Chief's."

- John Sorich stated, "I think that is a good thing. Twoie are you recording who goes to the fires?"
- Twoie Gary Mattern stated, "I make full reports on the fire calls."
- John Sorich stated, "That is a good point, because if someone falls and hurts their back and they don't do an accident report or whatever and two weeks later. They file a report."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We do look at our reports when filing an injury report, within that fire call or medical call."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "If your guys ever needed our reports. We know who is on the fire call."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Which is why it is not a big deal that I request monthly calls. Because if you are doing the fire calls. All your 2021 reports should show and January, February, March April."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "My April is not done it has just changed you know, and I am usually one month behind, making sure everything gets done."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I don't know I think it is too much to ask, right now the calls are too much to ask. I am not really getting it in a timely manner. By the 1st of May you should have your April figured out."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We are not physically there, I mean we fill out reports when the fire happens, when like we had a training Monday night and now, I won't be there until next Monday night. That is when my report will be filled out and sent to you. We must have a little leeway. I am not there all the time; it may sound silly but."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I get it but, you also take on that responsibility to take that on as a Chief or Asst. Chief of a Fire Department. Like Twoie said, you don't have to use the word "volunteer" a lot if you take on that responsibility, I don't see a huge excuse to take out 5 extra minutes at the end of the month or the first of May to send me a report. That is my hesitation of asking."
- John Sorich stated, "What do they say at the Fire Council Jerry?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "We have no problem filling it out. There are only a couple of fire departments that have retired guys that are doing it all the time. When I go to the station there is plenty for me to do. Now it is just the start of May."
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is okay, I shouldn't get to the end of May or June, when I haven't had anyone's Aprils."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "By the 15th you will have the previous month."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Do I really have to really be that stern when I request these things, I really don't think I should have to do that."
- John Sorich stated, "I think it is valuable data, monthly or quarterly."
- Zach Osborne stated, "If I ask for a quarterly report, is it as accurate? You get months behind is it going to be as accurate? I know our would not be. The Career guys are in trouble if they don't get their reports done by the time, they leave that shift. Because it gets forgotten, I don't like that for that reason."
- George Stone stated, "Ours are a little different situation than that, I think. We are not doing as many. We do it all on paper, as soon as you come back from a call, we fill the report out. Then it is up to me for a whole months' worth of paper, take it home and put it on the computer. "
- Zach Osborne stated, "You don't have to, if you don't want to. You go back to your station and write a report on paper on another spare sheet of paper, January 1st, address, call description, engine, then bring it up to me. Diane puts it in a different spreadsheet anyways. We just supplied

that spreadsheet for people to use as they wanted to, print out that spreadsheet if you want and hand write it down on that.”

- Dan Callahan stated, “Doesn’t dispatch already have all that information?”
- George Stone stated, “Sometimes they may not have all the information.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “I Have to mention, the responding phone system will have reports on them you can do at home, and it will show the tracking of the call. You can sit at home and see the calls; you don’t have to even go to the station.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “For me personally, I would like to see which engine responded to scene, so that I can track how many calls that engine went on in a year. It is way easier to justify purchasing a new engine, updating a new engine, maybe something happens, and it needs a new engine, well, this went on how many calls per year. If I don’t have that, I can’t justify to these guys if I were to go get an engine someday. People wise, I don’t know, I don’t know if that would be too much to ask. I think it is good data. If we could get how many people responded to a call. It just gets added up with a total. We would have 6, 7, 8, or 9 from the career on a call that would require both stations and how many came on a volunteer call. ”
- John Sorich stated, “It would be a good thing that you get that report on a monthly basis. That would keep you in the prize of what is going on. As far as the Fire Advisory Committee I don’t think we need to see the people, maybe the count of member on a yearly basis and you could report the calls to us on a quarterly basis.”
- Joel Worth stated, “I think it would be good if we were able to have at least one night a month of training or even every two months, if we were able to set up a scenario, like we did at the airport, where you guys would call us in, each department would know their roll and tell us to hit a hydrant of feed your engine. That way all the departments would have a chance to practice together, at least a couple times annually. I think that is important. I don’t know how we can set that up but even if it was a fixed day or evening. If the departments can’t make it, they don’t show up. But the departments that can show up would know hey on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we will all be at the civic center parking lot (example), for a training session. ”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I don’t know if that particular thing has been attempted, I know something close has been attempted and I don’t know if it had stopped because of attendance. I know there is a few departments that call and come to the station, check in what can we do? Can we train with you? Can we set up a porta tank? Can we hook into your truck? Can we do this or that? That is all very welcomed. We have no issue with that. The hard part is when you spend a lot of time, (may not be an issue, I don’t know) for somebody to develop a plan, place and time and have everyone coordinated, I don’t know if, we would have to call in people for OTs, so that the whole scenario didn’t get interrupted by us needing to leave on medical calls. We can’t go an hour without getting a couple of medical calls. So, I don’t know how the OT budget would do, but that is what we must do for the Airport drill. Drills like that are pre planned. We don’t want to interrupt the whole.”
- Joel Worth stated, “I guess it doesn’t have to be like the Airport, just something, where the majority of us can meet.”
- Gary Mattern stated, “Every Thursday night we have training.”
- Tom Bolton stated, “Tabletop trainings, like July 3rd.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “You could pick several different trainings that would allow them to bail, and you could continue. I could put a bug in our B/C ears, I have told them from the start of my position

that they are the department leaders in operations. I give them full responsibility for operations. It takes a little off my table and gives them responsibility and good purpose.”

- Joel Worth stated, “I know Silk was for it.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “You say training to Silk, he is like a hungry dog. He would be all up for that.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Even my current B/C Ryan McCarthy we are always training and open for that.”
- John Sorich stated, “Zach, would you report on fire apparatus?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Bid opening starts on Sunday, for a new modified (meaning capability of Type I) Type III, we will see how it goes. I go tomorrow Infront of Council, they have a letter I wrote. To get their approval to open bids. It will get advertised in the paper two Sundays and a Wednesday. Then we go over the bids and go from there when approved. The funds for the down payment if needed are approved to be reserved out of this year’s fire budget. Next month, these meetings are first Tuesday of every month, Next meeting I will be out of town. If you want me here, we can reschedule. I am up for anything. If I don’t need to be here Fire Advisory meeting can continue.”
- John Sorich stated, “We could still meet.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “We need you. You are the one making the decisions.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I already gave my approvals for the requests, this may take multiple months to figure out on the responding section. If we need to meet on another topic? We can meet. Lee and Riley, I have a question for you guys, both of you have seemed to be doing a lot of work, all of the research, on behalf of the volunteers as far as doing the responding, on their own time. Do you think they should get an IT guy on the volunteer side to be helping you out on this? It can’t be just these two doing all the work for the volunteers. Is there an IT guy in the volunteer departments that would like to step in and take on some of this, so they aren’t doing every bit of it? I think you should create a volunteer IT committee for the implementation of the paging system.”
- Gary Mattern stated, “He will ask.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “He will see.”
- John Sorich stated, “Will you see if anyone can/will do IT. Thank you!”

Jerry Brothers made a motion to adjourn, George Stone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. Next meeting TBD.

THE FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVISES THE BSB DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES