



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Fire Board**
Budget Workshop
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah
Fire Station #1
115 Main Street, Delafield
Thursday, August 09, 2012 – 6 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Meeting call to order
Meeting called to order by Stotts at 7:15pm.
2. Roll call
Present at tonight's meeting were Stotts, Krickhahn, MacDougall, Wilkey, Bellin, Chief Edwards and Secretary/Treasurer Rosch. Absent was Urbanchek.
3. Public Comments
No public comments.
4. Discussion and possible action on 2013 LCFR Annual Operations and Capital Budgets
Edwards presented 2013 Operating Budget and Capital Budget for the Boards review and discussion. Edwards stated there would be an increase in the operating budget primarily due to the loss of revenue provided by a contract between Aurora/Summit Hospital and Lake Country Fire & Rescue for interfacility coverage. He explained to Board members that the contract was in place because Aurora could not provide full services to their patients and they needed to ensure transport to their sister hospital for services outside their capabilities. But now he explained they have worked hard to build their program and have received several certifications that allow them to keep and care for their patients at the Summit location. In doing this there is limited need for the guaranteed interfacility contract. The administrative staff has informed us of this decision not to renew the agreement so we may have the opportunity to consider this in our budget for the upcoming year. He also stated that this does not mean we will not have transports from Aurora. We will probably see no change in the volume. Other contributors to the budget increase would be the cost of fuel and the increase in supply costs being passed along to us by vendors. Conservative increases were estimated for Health, Dental and WRS costs, but actual numbers will not be available until September. Edwards explained when asked, several areas of the current budget appear to have surplus remaining in the budgeted accounts, but spending in these areas will take place in the last quarter of the year.

The Capital budget of \$101,150 includes two Chevrolet Tahoes (one to replace an intercept suburban). Additionally there is \$34,000 targeted for radios and lights for these vehicles based on estimates received from vendors. Edwards explained when asked about the costs, that once the specific equipment has been identified, they will be seeking the most competitive bids. Stotts reminded Board Members that there is a balance left in the Capital account from this current year's purchase/remounting of the ambulance. He suggested the Board consider applying that balance to the 2013 Capital budget to reduce the cost to communities.

After general discussion on the budget was completed, the Board Members opted to return on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 6pm at Station #1 to discuss and possibly finalize the 2013 budget.

Edwards and Stotts planned to meet with the Mayor/Village Presidents from each of the communities and discuss tentative budget plans for 2013.

5. Confirmation of upcoming meetings:

Budget workshop: Thursday, August 23 and August 30 only if needed. Meetings will be held at Station #1 at 6pm

Annual Joint Meeting to be held September 6th, 2012 at 6pm.

September Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6pm, Station #1.

6. Motion to adjourn Budget Workshop at 8:25pm by Krickhahn, second by Bellin. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Rosch, Secretary/Treasurer