



**PAJARO VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PAJARO VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

May 21, 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call at 5:03

**Chair White
Vice Chair Erbe
Director Martone
Director Moules
Director Aerin Murphy**

Public comments (not to exceed 3 minutes) for items not listed on the Agenda- None

1. Preliminary Budget resolution 2020-04 for fiscal year 2020/2021

A. Receive staff report

BC Murray met with Chair White and Director Martone to review prelim budget and agreed on the budget as presented. County anticipates a 4% increase in property tax revenue. BC Murray reviewed preliminary budget by line item with the Board. He reported that he is applying for grants so the revenue is being shown as anticipated funding. The Type 1 fire engine will cost about \$700K. BC Murray reviewed all anticipated expenses and budget. Director Martone informed the Board that with the new engine, the maintenance costs will decrease. BC Murray reported that with three board members up for election in January the expenses were increased to \$22K. BC Murray reported that the district will be purchasing six (6) SCBA packs but he is also submitting a grant for the purchase to offset some of the cost. This purchase will make the District compatible with other surrounding agencies who use Scott Packs. The Board questioned the audit cost of \$15K. BC Murray advised that it is an annual certified audit and required by law.

B. Open public hearing at 5:25

C. Receive public comment- No public comment

D. Close public comment at 5:25

E. Board Discussion- No Board discussion

Consider adopting resolution 2020-04 approving preliminary budget for FY 20-21

Motion approving resolution 2020-04 Erbe Second Martone

All in favor All

2. Presentations:

A. Chief's Report, Pajaro Valley

BC Murray reported that there was an increase in vehicle accidents and during the last warm weather wave, more vegetation fire responses. There was a structure fire on Amesti Rd. that extended into attic. Crews were able to contain the fire to the room of origin and the attic. BC Murray reported on the following:

- All apparatus are service. 4511 was out for transmission issue
- Crews trained on Structure Fire evolutions and EMS training.
- Fire prevention is sending out weed abatement letters for empty lots.
- Business inspections on hold due to Covid19.

B. Incident Report, City of Watsonville - No questions from the Board.

3. Minutes

- A. Approval of the minutes from the special board meeting on April 23, 2020
**Motion approving the minutes Moules Second Martone
All in favor All**

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Expenditure report, vendor & deposit summary
Director Martone had a question regarding bounced checks from a contractor. BC Murray stated that any fees will be extended to the contractor
- B. Year to date County report - no questions from the Board
- C. American Express statements
Director Martone questioned the charge for the Health Department. BC Murray and Chief Larkin explained that this was an annual permit that is required.

**Motion approving consent and expenditure report Martone Second Erbe
All in favor All**

5. Old Business

- A. Solar System Proposal Staff Report
BC Murray reported that he received a \$86K bid. A previous bid was for \$107K. He is waiting for a response from Monterey Bay Community Power regarding a loan for government agencies.
Director Murphy asked regarding PG&E funds available that covers fire stations for solar battery packs. Chief Larkin reported that he received an email from PG&E regarding this and will forward to BC Murray for his review.

6. New Business

- A. None

7. Correspondence

- A. None

8. Discussion

- A. None

9. Agenda items for the next meeting

- A. None

10. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn Moules Second Martone
All in favor All Time 5:39**

**Next regular scheduled Board meeting
July 16, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.**

Sean Murray

Board Secretary

Kendel White

Board Chairperson