

Sheridan Fire District  
Board Meeting  
12/09/2025

**Attendance: Tammy Heidt, Gary Giddings, Cory Chrisman, Ray Bottenberg, Pete Gutbrod**

Others in attendance: Chief Riggs, Marguerite Alexander, Becky Previtt, Rob Foster, Logan Delano. Online (Joined 12 minutes after meeting began): Brandon Trombla, Jake

**Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.**

**Gary made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 11 meeting. Cory seconded the meeting. The motion carried.**

**Financials: Ray made a motion to approve the financials reports for November. Pete seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Director Gary Giddings stated that he had reviewed the financials for the month of November.**

**There was no audience participation.**

Old Business

1. Grants:

- AFG Grant for monitors. We have accepted this grant. The new monitors will arrive in January. After they arrive someone will come for setup and training. We pay \$200K upfront and get \$190 K + back. We can then sell the 3 Zoll monitors and should receive our funds to cover our portion of the grant.
- We received a Safety grant from SDAO for security, door locks, cameras. It is a \$5,000 matching grant. We pay \$2,500 and they pay \$2,500.
- Safer Grant: They have allowed Chief to submit an amendment. Instead of 3 staff members at 80/20, chief is asking for 2 people to staff a peak-activity car with a 90/10 split the first year and 65/35 the third year cutting our cost to \$20 K /year. We are waiting for a response.

2. Surplus sales: We sold the C-9 truck for \$50K.

New Business:

1. Chief's Report: 118 calls in November. Gary requested data to show how many times we were not able to get all the requested vehicles out on calls.
2. Community Outreach

3. **Second and Final Reading of Resolution #2025-26-02. Gary made a motion to pass Resolution #2025-26-02, a resolution to appropriate AFG grant funds. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Chief's contract.
  - Chief Rigg's noted that he did not have a contract.
  - He is interested in retiring in PERS and working back.
  - He is looking at a retirement date of July 1, 2026
  - Donna is also eligible to retire and work back. (Pete asked if the Union was okay with work back. He doesn't want a conflict or a problem with the contract.
  - Chief asked if they would like to schedule an executive session next month to talk about a contract for him. Tammy recommended waiting to prepare a contract.
5. Chief said it will be time to begin negotiations with the Union next month. We are 6 months over. There was an MOU with the Union to delay negotiations. That agreement will expire July 1.
6. Billing non-transport patients for assessment. We accidentally billed for an assessment for a non-transport and the insurance company was willing to pay something—just not as much as was billed. We are looking into billing insurance companies when an ALS assessment is done. Polk 1 is doing it. Other fire districts are considering doing it. Polk 1 is only planning to bill insurance. If they don't pay, they don't bill the patient. Tammy wants us to look into the legal implications of doing that.
7. SDAO Online Board Training: Gary and Pete haven't completed the training. They have until the end of the month.
8. The SDAO Conference is Feb. 5-7 in Seaside. We would like someone to go to represent the District. The first person can attend free of charge. Chief has already signed up to go to the CIS Conference in Salem the week prior.

**Pete made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marguerite Alexander, Administrative Assistant