



# HIGGINS AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the District Offices,  
10106 Combie Road, Auburn, CA.

### 1. STANDING ORDERS

Call To Order - 7:00 PM

Pledge Of Allegiance, Roll Call, Introduction Of Staff

Guests: Benjamin Perkins, Tayja Duggan, Jim Mathias, Paula Ballard (Higgins Auxiliary), Margi Joehnck, Jeanette Royal.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTER NOT ON AGENDA

None

### 3. Ballot Measure

(Discussion/Action)

Presentation by **Jeanette Royal** on the Strategic Planning Committee regarding the Ballot Measure:  
9 people on the committee - experienced campaign members.

Worked together to come up with a comprehensive campaign and marketing plan.

Marty Main working on the planning for a year now, committee has been meeting on a weekly basis for about two to two and a half hours for the last four (4) months plus the individual commitment for research and preparation each member has contributed.

Committee feels we are getting behind in finalizing our message and organizing our fundraising activities.

October 30, 2019 is the deadline for us to put our notice of election in to the County Clerks office.

November 15 - December 31 are usually holiday/family time - not the optimum time for us to get our message out. During that time - minimum campaign activity. Committee has been planning, working on verbiage and have a budget and all the things needed to move forward. Waiting for Boards approval to proceed.

December 13, 2019 deadline to file arguments

December 20, 2019 deadline to file rebuttals

January 2020 - after holidays, committee / campaign will be ready to place signs and distribute literature

February 1st - ballots go out that week

March 3rd election day

Given end of summer + fall holidays, feeling a time crunch

Too much info too soon will be confusing for community and voters

Also gives time for opposition to develop false information/messaging

We need time to organize fund raising activities

Opinion research and study 5/2015 - info valuable and current, proven to be an accurate guide to what happened in last election / spells out voter opposition and community opinions

Committee using that data to formulate messaging going forward

Costs of another survey could be seen by opposition as a negative - another time delay and costs no new info and delay is discouraged

Inflation facts 1980: Per US Census report:

After last measure passed:

Gallon milk 1.60

Stamps .15

Reg gas 1.19

Min wage 3.30

Av annual income 17k

51,645 populate - now 98,764

Double pop seen in south county, LOP and Truckee

LOP HOA Dues: 360 yr now 2,868

LOP households: 2007 33% 45-64 | 24% 65+

Have to campaign heavily in LOP

Where to place signs

Ben researched voter roles - where to place our message to get the most for our money

**Chief Good** reports:

Higgins Stats in 1980:

-100 calls per year, one Amador engineer or captain here through the winter during summer still 2 engines, 10 volunteers, due to growth factors and the current secured ad valorem revenues, able to see increases and building spurts ever since, last spurt 2004-2006/7 till the economy did it's things.

Higgins today:

-1100 calls per year - 10x the amount of calls

Labor intensive

69% medical calls

Plus x amount for vehicle accidents - usually also requiring some sort of medical

Housing count in 1980 approx. 4k for the district 27 square miles then expanded in jumps to 89 sq miles then annexed square mile in Taylor Crossing / Dog Bar area, recently annexed Feather Falls Ranch for a total of 91 sq. miles.

Before that we would go to these areas in our "sphere of influence" with no revenue, now everything is evened out, get ad valorem and \$25 tax.

Jeanette Royal:

The committee with Chiefs blessing, wants soft approach to increase community awareness of what Higgins does here

Residents think it's all CDF - want to enhance Higgins

Increase signage outside the Lake, face of Higgins at community events out in front of the community, PIO Pete Marchinek and Summer involved in getting out messaging at no cost but keeping it in forefront of community awareness. Trying to do some coordinated public service messaging: Strategic Plan Committee came up with excellent subject matter pieces that our videographer has taken and created video content from. Short little messages to the community. Once we have monies, the committee will separate from the Board to raise funds and get messaging out for measure itself. Right now, we don't want anything about the measure going public. Don't want to raise opposition.

Topics are:

No Fireworks

Defensible Space and Mowing

Rattlesnake Safety

Pets in Cars

Sparks (Trailer Chains and Flats)

Gate Access

Evacuation (Go Bags / Central Point of Contact)

Back to School

Burn Permits (How to obtain one online)

Home Exit Drills

Videographer wrote copy for the videos and most or all will be taped this next week, tie it in to possibly the LOP News as a repeated message so ppl realize that it's Higgins and they are our go-to.

Red Flag warning is excellent but we will highlight Higgins in the forefront.

Regarding the fee schedule for the ballot measure, the committee has looked the ins and outs and different fee schedules and at Placer and Forest Hill for what they have done and what their verbiage has been. Committee wants the Board to know they are very good, non partisan, dedicated and everyone on the committee has been on successful campaigns in the past.

John Boykin:

States what he is understanding having heard from Jeanette thus far, the committee is doing PR to bring Higgins out to the forefront of peoples minds. There is an assumption that there is no Higgins at this station. There is but it is through contract because there are no Higgins Fire trucks out of here unless it's backup. PR in order to get people to understand where the district is coming from and then talk about service levels. That was our biggest discussion at our last meeting.

Jeanette:

Committee feels it's too much information for the average voter, they don't care about staffing levels. We will have all that information, if somebody asks at a forum or something. All campaign people will have talking points so they can answer questions correctly/accurately. Committee has learned that campaign messaging needs to be short and sweet, people will only listen to few words, we have to make it personal to them. That's why we are doing the safety videos, to make people aware. They have to take care of their own family and their own property but most people listening to someone speak are thinking about other things, seeing only the aura of the speaker. Only 7% of people are actually hearing the words. This is why PIO Pete is great. Jerry is there, he has the history and all the details. People want to see who is the person that is going to come out to my house? Who is at the community level? Are they young, energetic? I see that in the employees here and if we can put a face to who is going to respond to the call, all the better. You guys do policy, budget, strategic planning but the public doesn't care.

John Boykin: I agree. Unless you are talking about the paramedic element. If you talk about the opposition, you want bottom line, that could be a big issue.

Jeanette: We can add in paramedic verbiage. Jerry has talked about new hires. We need the money to open the Dog Bar station. New hires would already have that status.

Bruce Jones:

Jerry has already got set up numbers that he sent out, lets let Jerry present his numbers.

Jeanette: we are not ignoring it but putting out another survey might be a mistake.

Bruce Jones: So you think that we should just go with whatever you say? That's big dollars, you just can't be hiring medics and think that's gonna be enough. You have to update your equipment. That's going to be a big element.

Jeanette: Jerry has that information.

Bruce Jones: Want 3/0 companies instead of paramedics. If you look at the stats of how much a paramedic will help its low. But agree too much minutia for the public. All of us in this room have to have our vision/what we are trying to accomplish with the bottom line to make it simple.

Jeanette: Jerry has gone over this many many times. If you hear his numbers I think you'll see what we are talking about.

Jerry: Something has come to light, because my concern was, yes because of response times priorities should be EMS services and Paramedics. To have it at the outlying stations at a minimum. In having discussions with Chief Estes and Chief Mathias there is a program where we can tag onto the Amador Contract and also for summer pay and have paramedics here in the station 21 area. Considering that and adding those figures that the Board asked me to come up with, asked me to come

up with the four (4) plans and so I took a guess-estimation cause we don't have hard numbers. Surmising the figures I had from before, I have the spreadsheet I can go over that if you want.

Bruce Jones:

Yes, please.

Jerry:

Basically you asked for four (4) different staffing models so the minimum was staff Dog Bar station 2/0 Staffing 7-24 basically reopen the station. So at the minimum level, staff station 22 again. One (1) Captain, two (2) Engineers, three firefighters "per 2/0's" (?). With salary and benefits \$680,000. \$65k for service supplies and contingencies for a total of \$745,000.00. Taking into consideration the approximately 4300 dwelling units, that would come to 173.00 - .43 a day and \$1,410 per month. The second one was staff dog bar station 2/0 7-24 but it would be a paramedic engine with incentive added to the paramedics at station 21, 22, and 23. So basically you would have 9 paramedics total which I put the word Amador on there just figuring how much extra that's going to cost with doing that at 23 which before the figure was only 21 and 23 now its 21, 22 and 23. So all three stations 2/0 with paramedic engines, so total salaries and benefits 895,000, services, supplies and contingencies \$140,000 for 1,035,000.00. That is \$240.00 per year. \$20 per month.

The other models were staff 21, 22 and 23 3/0 has a cost of 1,360,000.00 280,000 for contingencies total of 1,640,000.00 for 381.00 per year per dwelling unit. 31.20 per month. The last is 3/0 staffing all three (3) stations with paramedic engine for 1,502,000.000 plus 220,000.00 service supplies and contingencies for a total of 1,722,000.000. That would be \$400 a year per dwelling unit, \$32.00 a month. So this is in addition to what we currently receive from ad valorem so basically its in replacement of the \$25 a year but it's still doesn't account for any assessed valuation increase or more importantly, more houses. So you look at some of the houses, an estimation on assessed valuations on some of the houses they are building and they are high, what I consider high, it is still amazing and the ad valorem is a direct formula off those assessed valuations besides us getting the mitigation fees and the 25.00 it's important to realize that what was an average house back when we were doing the elections of x amount and we normally get about 200.00 out of property tax with the ad valorem which is on the lower side in reality in that I looked at the forest hill stuff and sat with the chief of placer hills couple weeks ago at a work comp meeting and congratulated him on the passing of his measure and it was a couple hundred bucks. And I said that's in place of and he said no that's on top of. So they are paying \$300 a year. And I imagine Forest Hill is the same way. Here we are adding on so much to the 25 with such a higher amount. I think we can still do it without adding on. I think this was one of the discussions we had, that it's going to cause confusion for voters also the including the escalator in there, managed by the board at their discretion so what (?) Tied to the CPI but no more of an increase than 2.9% these guys are in marketing cause they say 2.9% sounds better than (?) We are relying on / I have been quite impressed with if nothing else the energy of this group and having to remove it out of our realm even with the consultant I felt this is whole total approach. And we've got other factors, in my mind there is no doubt that people are reading from the Camp Fire and Santa Rosa and Carr and all these other fires where that may have influenced the vote, people pay attention when things are happening and a lot of people are honestly afraid. I've got people saying how am I going to get out of LOP? Well, follow this really nice red sign to a locked gate, you'll be okay! But people, just awareness and we need to reassure them we are going to have enough people and we can have stats all we want and the NFPA says we need to have 12-15 people working a structure fire, well that's probably true and by the time we get all of our people and a lot of mutual aid and all our volunteers we will come close to those numbers. CAL FIRE is really good about giving us all we need no matter what and along with all the other local districts. But they have to be aware. To go back a little about what Jeanette was saying about exposure to Higgins you all know that we have been pounding the streets on most of the elections through the community outreach program. And has it slacked off a little bit? Yea, in our depression years of not passing a ballot measure, yes, but we still do stuff I mean there is still the canned ones that we do every year that people ask us to do. This is a little more "morphed on steroids" I call it because with the advent of the professional videographer the one that we have already done, put in the can, its gone on facebook

and every one else, we are getting a lot of likes. We are going to be using facebook and instagram as we have been to get our name out on the website. BW put the Red Flag, just a little blurb we talked about doing, this red flag thing, by 6pm we had 2,600 hits. Now that's huge for an afternoons worth of work. So exposure is going to be increasing and I think that is a key element. We can justify stuff and how it would be a good idea to have a paramedic on the engine if the provided paramedic service is caught up doing something else. I'm sure I could find all the stats in the world to say these are the chances and take away that, yes, I couldn't figure out how to get paramedics here at the same time because of our uniqueness. I didn't want to give up an Amador contract just so we could have paramedics because then we might be doing the ballot measure just to man this station so that was counter productive and I'm sure some time in Higgins chronological future there will be Higgins people responding in a Higgins engine responding to calls in the Higgins district. There is no doubt in my mind it's going to happen. It's just fiscally responsible right now to go ahead and make that leap would be tough. Unless we want to go for \$400. Cause that's what it's going to take to have us, ironically sign up with some of the NCC things that we were looking at with that group, it was \$404. To put 3 ppl and paramedic engines at 13 different stations. If you would like my recommendation, my recommendation would be to give the best service to folks with 2/0 staffing and paramedics at all three (3) stations. I think this is a step in the right direction considering that if the consolidation factor moves forward and they try and get \$404 there is no guarantee that is going to pass. I think right now we have a better chance of doing \$240 and yes, the main drive is opening up station 22. That gives us a 1/3 more people on the ground every day 7-24 and I think that's huge for us. We are still pretty strong with volunteers, we pay them an hourly wage which is not necessarily why they do it. There is a drive as to why they are doing it. Most of them say they want to give back to their community so we keep that ideology alive and we will still need volunteers. Even in the grand picture of consolidation and I am not a naysayer about consolidation but there is a volunteer component, firefighter component. It's got some different levels which is ok, because it help with the training hours that they have to do. My recommendation would be the second one. I think we would have a much better chance with the friends of Higgins and not knowing what that (????). It's a huge different approach.

John Boykin: So your assumption is that the \$240 is more obtainable than the \$400 obviously. That makes sense, I am not arguing with you.

Jerry: And obviously part of the model would be or could be, if it passes in March it has to go, to get on the tax roles it has to hit the Board of Supervisors July some time so they can authorize to put it on the tax roll to begin with and that generation of monies would technically happen July 1, 2020 even though we won't get our first infusion but we can start the ball rolling. One thing is migrating to opening 22 but on the hiring process, hire firefighter paramedics right off the get go. I am still struggling with trying to teach our folks and trying to figure out how to do that creatively where we're not double paying for a position per se, and it still could be a possibility. And then one, we'd have to have at least one engineer so that we would be able to go ahead and run the program and monitor it of course. But, even though I hire six, three are going to go there and three are going to go there. And then we'd work something out with CalFire. Thats the grand plan. So maybe by December of 2020 or at least the first of the year we'd have a program going and it still has to go through SSV (?). Obviously we've talked about "the least and strategic" (?) Being able to get grants through SSV. Things like the 20k monitors that are going to be needed to be gotten through mitigation money and use it for that. If we can't get a grant through SSV. And then we have obviously the supplies, replacement supplies would be provided by service providers. That's the short and sweet of that one.

John Boykin: I keep coming back to NFPA (?) and staffing levels a minimum of 2, one person cannot go in alone and you need someone pumping so 2/0 staffing is very limited. You're depending on someone else coming before you go in. A firefighter going in alone is at risk. So that is my concern. Spent 30 years on a fire department. Also, how much money can we get. Ideally, I would go to the far left. \$32 a month? For that kind of service? With a paramedic and everything, I can't believe it. But you guys are the ones that really have to test the waters and see what we can pass.

Bruce Jones: The Committee has quite a few people on it who have their finger on the pulse of the community. Margie has been involved for I don't know how long in politics. Ben you are statistics expert. And the committee has spent a great deal of time discussing before we even had numbers how much money would a tax payer go for. And we arrived at several figures and it was discussed and when Jerry came up with the cost analysis, the first one, we arrived at a number and didn't like that number. The point I am trying to make is that the folks that are on that committee know pretty much because of their backgrounds, what we can get. And I think that's the point that I am trying to stress.

Jeanette: I just wanted to mention that in the past the measures have failed by a slim margin so we are looking at the voting profiles and neighborhoods, which ones were lacking in the past, which ones were in favor. LOP is pretty key. Marty and I went to their forum for the directors for their new board. There is a division there - there are the 7%ers and the 3%ers. The 3%ers are families, fixed income folks who just want a nice place in the lake and enjoy the amenities. The 7%ers say money is no object, I want a gym and bar and I don't care how much it's going to cost. So there is a division in there. While watching who were going to be elected to the Board was because of that mindset. If the community as a whole is going to have these new fees tacked on to what they already are paying, and it's causing younger families to move out that could hurt us. We tack on another \$140, \$240 and trust me we started at the \$100 mark, that that was going to be a negative to us. Luckily it looks like that Board is pretty balanced right now, the new Board. And we will be meeting with them. But so when we talk about our opposition to an additional fee is because in LOP they are already up to "here" with fees. So we need to be very very careful and how we market it to them. So that goes back to our soft approach, we want to tell them what Higgins does for them. And if they show up, the services that are going to be provided to them. I hope that helps.

SOMEONE: 50% of the demographic are in LOP close density housing

Jeanette: and two gates

Margie: And that's why we thought the paramedic was really important, to just say we are just going to open this, far out there station that they don't really see as having any effect on them even though I know that it does because people have to go out there from here to cover. The paramedic will be a good incentive for that group, because you have a number of older people. I know the study said it only really mattered in about 15% but we are talking about peoples lives.

John Boykin: The study said that in 15%, is where it would possibly make a difference by being able to administer drugs that's basically what they can do because we do intubation and we do ...

Jerry: The optional skills that we do now, that could be life saving, atropine and narcan but more importantly if you cannot control the chaos in the ABC, airway, breathing, circulation, you are going to lose that patient, or you could without other intervention. Getting over the airway issue, was a huge thing for us, we've already had one field save with the new type of airway management system so it looks very promising for the EMT to where in reality he could do certain things but nothing that is going to be an intrusion to the body except a short airway thing and administer oxygen, and do CPR. But there is nothing, particularly intrusion, us being able to stick and atropine pen in someones leg to me, we're being invasive and the airway to me is invasive because we've never been really truly allowed to, to me it's a lifesaving process. Something that usually the paramedics do. And I realize the stats when we did that study with you and me and Chief Hudson who started off here and then became a paramedic and so on and so forth we did an actual costs analysis study and at the time to have paramedics on duty it was going to be \$235.00 a year. So looking at when we did that report and we currently going in at \$240, we are going to staff a station and we are going to go ahead and have paramedics. Of course some of the dynamics have changed it was a good, he did a good study and of course the survivability rates, call volume and the population was a lot smaller than it is now. So of course you would have to have in comparison \$235 back then to service a population of 4k because you don't have the dwelling units per se of today. So I am sure it's all relative.

Margie: I thought you said the other day, some of those things that we are doing that are kind of on the line, insurance companies were objecting to them. I never said that, I don't really care until they talk to me. We are going to do the optional skills if we are allowed to do it by SSV. Which is the EMS authority of our whole area. Even our cooperative partners have enhanced their optional skills that

they can do. They can do pretty much what we can do we just did it a few months earlier. But the whole point is, we still have that here. So, and looking at the populous and looking at that ration, it's so lopsided as to call volume but I'll give you a for instance, last month we had 126 calls, that's kind of off. That's a lot more than we have been doing on an average. I think we are going to see some increases. The economy is good, people are building homes, I am going out once or twice a week on underground propane tanks. I think it's expanding. It's not growing at an extremely high rate like it was in 2006/07, not the 17% but at least things are moving forward so to me that means that things will increase revenue through ad valorem tax. But yes, \$25 special taxing, it's going to take us forever to get anywhere - doing any kind of advanced services or opening up to where, hey, let's increase our staffing level by a 1/3, 30-33%, to have six people on duty.

John: I just think we have an opportunity now from all of the situations (fire) that's happened this last year that's gotten everyone's attention. You go to the fire-wise committees where it used to be a handful of people now it's standing room only. People are very aware and the insurance companies are canceling and all of that. So people, I think we have their attention. But, you don't think we can get the \$400 then I would say I would go with your recommendation but myself, especially looking at what the county wide is going to do, they are looking at what, 4-something?

Jerry: Well, \$404 currently but it keeps changing a little bit.

John: Yeah, so, we would be the same, in the ball park. We would be providing the same level of service, or even more because we would have paramedics and 3/0 staffing. So, I don't know you know, I am not in the community and I play golf over there and I'm talking to the guys and I know they would vote for it now where before, they were questioning and what really happened the last time, we would have passed the last one as far as I'm concerned but we didn't get the rebuttals in and that sort of shut us down.

Margie: We didn't have any signs or anything.

John: Right, so, you know, we were trusting of consultant group. You probably heard the whole story. I just fell through, we paid good money. But anyway, the bottom line is I think now is any opportunity because people, we have their attention but it's up to you guys. You have a better feel for it than I do of what we can actually get. The bottom line, the \$400 is an ideal. That would put us at an acceptable level when you look at the fire service. CalFire runs 3/0 county runs 3/0 but we still have volunteers so we are very lucky. But you never know how long that's going to last because with volunteers, the requirement for training just keeps going up and up and up. So when that happens people can't afford to spend all of their time training to be a volunteer cause they make very little on it. So I think if we look at the big picture of where fire service is going I think we have the attention that we are going to have bigger fires we are going to have faster fires, we need more people to actually address those and that's where the county is going. My question is can we do it? I wish we could, I would jump right on \$32 myself (\$400). I like the way you did that Jerry, put it in the monthly, per day. As long as we are consistent with all our districts, not putting paramedics on the outlying and not here I think whatever we think we can get, that's where we should go. So that's where I stand.

Margi: That's the other thing, if this consolidation thing goes through, there would be another chance for this district to vote to join consolidated. So this might be just a step towards that. And then you'd find out, would they pay that \$404 for the consolidated or not?

John: Right now we have a great deal with Cal Fire and the Amador contract and if we consolidated, even if we got \$400 we would only have two stations because that's what it would equal.

Jerry: It's 3 stations 3/0 that's the \$404.

John: With the amount of money that we would get because right now we are subsidized so to speak. We would lose that contract with Cal Fire if we went to the consolidation.

Jerry: So the \$404 - take the revenue we are getting right now, minus the \$25 tax, so you would replace it with \$400, that will allow us to staff with our people in addition to what we are currently getting with the secured taxes is still a big hump to do. So to split the difference and going 2/0 staffing and paramedics at each station knowing that this station would be a priority. For as many even that the post out here from 10-2, that's not the magic time of the day that all people get sick. But they have their own patterns where they do a lot of transfers to the bigger hospitals. They still have to do

their due diligence to the county that they are operating in. So I don't count on them being here all the time. If they are coming from GV, if medic 2 goes down to Aub Faith or the Alta Sierra area. Yes they have their cover - if they are available but there are times now that I am hearing more now that we need to get AMR up here because SNMA is out of service. I monitor through SSV, they asked me to monitor their response times and we have a response protocol that they have to be 90% of the time and if they fail 3 months in a row they can yank their license to operating an ambulance service. And they usually do pretty good but my whole point is, giving an elevated level of service on any type of medical aid that we may roll into and having the paramedic have that capability to go ahead and intervene more so than we can at optional skill EMT level.

John: You're telling me that the county can come in here and 3/0 with paramedics at \$404?

Jerry: That's the best guess on their part right now.

John: Ok, so we are saying that is going to cost us \$400 and we are still with the Amador contract...

Jerry: It's still going to be \$404. But they are spreading that number around. We have 4300 parcels, consolidated area is 23k. Think about the people in Peardale that have maybe 500 residents and they are each going to pay \$404 a year. That's not going to pay for that station to be open 3/0 with paramedics. There is just now way. It's collective. That's the philosophy right now.

John: So, it would eventually be beneficial to us.

Jerry: So if ours fails we are still going to be involved in the western agency consortium. But again, if we can't get \$240 we aren't going to be able to get \$404. But could this area be voted over by a huge collective of yes votes? You take all the populations of the smaller districts...

John: So all the voting citizens of this district don't have to vote to go with the county?

Jerry: It's up to this board. This board is going to have to make the decision. It will be an item on the July Board Meeting as the intent to continue with the exploration of the whole consolidation issue. That's going to come up in July. My idea is yea. Are we having our cake and eating it too? Probably. But the whole point is, if we don't do a measure and we wait for that tax measure to go through and that doesn't pass, then we are behind the curve again.

John: Then we are back to the \$25 again.

Jerry: Yes.

John: As long as we have the paramedic element through the whole 91 square miles, I think we should go for whatever we should get. We have five people here who have to vote on it but that's what I think. Ideally I'd like the 3/0 but whatever we can get.

Jerry: I'd like 3/0 but, whatever we can get. For me, that would put us at 2/0 staffing on a normal basis and - I'm surmising it, for the overall plan, and still having seasonal at one station so it still gives us the opportunity to go out of county with the 3/0 staffing during the summer so in a sense, now we are talking that on duty in a day we would have 7. So that's a good move operationally and if somewhere down the road maybe we can add the third firefighter at 22 during the summer months only.

John: Bottom line, I respect all the work you've done. These numbers here, we don't need to do a survey. If you think we can get this.

Ben: After looking, I agree with this being the opportunity. In looking at the previous attempts to pass a ballot measure to bring funding up to par with what you need to do in the district what we liked about \$240 with a strong cognitive campaign the thing we worry about is the sticker shock. The jump from \$25 to \$240. The thing we are trying to beat is that immediate moment of shock so we settled on that \$240 because that's your slam dunk. With how close you're come in the past, with an expansion of services, it's overcoming that final 1/3 of voters so we don't have to do another ballot measure. A powerful argument - we had to close a station because the previous ballot measure didn't pass. We want to pass this one so we can reopen the station.

Jeanette: Verbiage, we know two people and we will approach those two people after the Board votes to move forward. One of those people said he would go for the measure if we were progressing toward consolidation. We don't want to say any falsehoods but we want to be able to say we are moving forward but this is the first step.

John: Motion to approve Chief Goods suggestion of \$240.

Marty: Moves to go forward with a tax measure to open Dog Bar at 2/0 and paramedics at all stations - charging the per dwelling \$240.

John: Second the motion

All in favor: YES ;)

Jerry: Next is take it to the board of sups, then legal.

**4. GENERAL ELECTION:**

**(Discussion/Action)**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**6. ADJOURNMENT - 8:38pm**

Bruce: Motion to adjourn

Marty: I so move

John: I second