

begin sometime after testing and interviews. In the contract we are working on, they would agree to an annual payment to Fry Fire for \$100,285.68 with a 5% annual increase. We anticipate an approximate net of \$60,000 not including additional overtime coverage when called upon by AirEvac.

Chief Miller provided a draft copy of our new Strategic Plan for 2013 for the board. If there are any comments or suggestions, please get them to Chief within the next month. We hope to bring this to the board in the next couple of months for adoption.

We have also received our actuarial report for PSPRS ending June of 2012. We shall expect a 3.57% increase for the upcoming year for the employers cost. We are currently paying 24.86% on behalf of the employees and will be increasing to 28.43%.

We are happy to announce that our ISO rating went from a 5/8b to a class 4 rating. We are among the top 10% nationwide and top 30% statewide. The rate will take effect on April 1st.

Chief Miller has been re-elected as the Vice Chairman for the South Eastern Arizona Emergency Medical Council for another 2 years.

The awards dinner will be held March 23rd at 6:00 at Manda Le Restaurant.

New run summary reports are in the board member's boxes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Maria presented the Board with account balances as of December 31, 2012. She highlighted that we have approximately \$60,000 more in revenue than we did at the same time last fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Banister made a motion to accept the regular board meeting minutes of December 18, 2012. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Review of warrants issued for December 2012

There were no questions regarding the month's warrants.

B. Arizona Fire District Association Report

There were just fewer than 400 registrations for this year's conference, held last week in Laughlin, NV.

There will be some changes to our bylaws, where only the area directors will have voting authority along with officers.

The legislative session started this week with 586 bills posted. A typical legislative session will see approximately 1,300 bills introduced.

Of immediate concern is SB1057: AHCCCS; AMBULANCE SERVICES; RATES. This is a joint effort by the AZ Ambulance Association and AFDA to address ambulance rates for Medicaid insured / reimbursed transport services, which were impacted by language in last session. SB1057 essentially has four components:

- Re-couple ambulance rates for AHCCCS to the Department of Health Services (DHS) established rate.
- Increase the reimbursement rate for 911 ambulance transport to 80% of the DHS established rate.
- Establish a reimbursement rate for non-911 transport at 70% of the DHS established rate (coincides with statutory contracting discount allowance).
- Sets the rate setting date to March 1.

AHCCCS has offered a compromise to SB1057, which consists of re-coupling to DHS rates, leaving the reimbursement percentage at 68.59% of the rate (current amount) in exchange for supporting the Governor's request for Medicaid expansion.

Another bill that is being considered is a bill that would place our Board under the Offices of the County Board of Supervisors for over-site.

We will see some annexations bills presented.

There will be a bill looking at expanding the \$3.25 cap rate for fire districts.

Lastly, there is introduction of a bill for County Fire Authorizations.

C. Retirement plaque presentation to Jeff Spencer for 32 years of service.

Chief Miller expressed his gratitude to Battalion Chief Jeff Spencer for his 32 years of dedicated service to the Fry Fire District. He presented BC Spencer with a mounted axe on behalf of the fire district.

ACTION ITEM

- A. Review, discussion and action to accept the “Independent Auditor’s Report” for Fry Fire District fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Chief Miller and Maria explained that we had Angela Bertram from Bertram, CPA conduct our annual audit. She brought recommendations forth for us to address and they are included in the letter to the board members. Mr. Barnett made a motion that the board accepts the audit from the CPA as presented. Mr. Nash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments/requests from board members for future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Gil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY 2013.

Art Nash
Board Clerk
Fry Fire District Board