

Board of Commissioner's
Minutes

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Amended 2014 02 11 wording change on the advise of legal counsel

Chairman Brent Dove brought the meeting to order on 6:04 pm January 03, 2014.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the 12/03/2013 meeting were not read.

Treasurer's report: \$0.00, we have no funds.

Old Business: Estimated budget proposed to meet through assessments has been set at \$53,000.00. ISO rating from and 9 to an 8 likely has an effect on insurance costs. Therefore, a plan will be put in place to bring the ISO ratings down.

The BoC discussed the various options of how to accomplish the fiscal goal and decided on the following: The following motion was made by Bryan Jefferson and seconded by Randy White. The motion passed unanimously.

The assessment of benefits for the Rea Valley Volunteer Fire District was developed based on two primary factors: the 2012 operating budget of the Rea Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the statistics of responses made by the fire department in 2012.

Based on the 2012 operating budget and cost increases over the next five years, a proposed annual budget of \$52,000 per year was established for the district. This does not include State Fire Protection Act 833 funds or local sales tax revenues. It was deemed that these funds were not protected and could be abolished or reduced at any time. The board of commissioners compared operating budgets of all fire protection services in the Marion County in their development of the proposed budget.

The majority of responses made by the department in 2012 was for medical assistance followed by wild land brush fires and lastly structure fires. This statistics is consistent with most rural and municipal fire departments in Arkansas. Based on this data, primary funding of the district will be landowners with residences or dwelling located on their property who are most likely to need medical assistance or fire suppression of a structure fire. Additional funding will be based on a flat fee scale for undeveloped land.

Any parcel that has a residence or dwelling located on their property will be considered as residential land and will be assessed a flat fee of \$75.00. Any Parcel which do not have any residences or dwellings located on their property will be classified as undeveloped land and will be assessed a flat fee per landowner based on the total number of undeveloped acres owned.

The following flat fee scale will applied to undeveloped land.

0.01 - 5.00 acres	\$20.00
5.01 - 25.00 acres	\$30.00
25.01 – 50.00 acres	\$40.00
50.01 – 100.00 acres	\$55.00
100.01 – 250 acres	\$70.00
250.01 – 500 acres	\$85.00
500.01 Or greater	\$100.00

All assessments will be based on county tax assessor's records. It is anticipated that errors may occur as to the presence or absence of residences or dwelling located on assessed developed property as well as correct acreage of undeveloped land. Every landowner has the right to appeal the fire district assessment to the board of commissioners. This should be made in writing to the country tax collectors office.

The Landowners report will be reviewed for accuracy.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm

Tami Jo Fuerst
Secretary