

**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO #14
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

JULY 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Rogers, at 7:57 a.m. at the Main Station located at 9978 U.S. Highway 12, Randle WA.

PRESENT

Chairman A. H. Rogers, Commissioner Dale Woody, Commissioner John Pollman, Chief Jeff Jaques, Secretary Tonya Kelly.

EMS Levy

The discussion started with everyone agreeing on the fact that there is a need to run some sort of levy. Running a lid lift levy or an EMS Levy are two options. With the economy the way it is it was discussed if now is the best time to try and pass a levy but then the economy may not be getting any better and our financial matters are just getting worse. There is a possibility that the school will be running a bond too. Most of the neighboring departments do have EMS levies and the voters are generally very receptive to them and those districts continue to charge for services. This is needed in order for the EMS program to pay for itself. A majority of our transports are paid by Medicare and they generally pay less than 60% of each transport. It was decided that the general election would be the best time to run a levy since voter turnout would be the biggest and it would cost less for the district to run the levy. If we are going to run one in the general election in Nov. 2007 we must have our Ballot title approved and turned into the counties election department by August 14, 2007. There was also a discussion on the dollar amount of the levy. A 25 cent levy would still leave the EMS program under funded and a 50 cent levy would give the district a surplus. However, the smaller the amount to more likely it is that voters will be willing to vote yes. A 35 cent levy would be right in the middle and would be enough to maintain our current EMS program. However, most levies are run as a 25 or 50 cent levy. Chairman Rogers suggested if we do proceed with a levy that we may want to try and meet with different community groups and discuss with them our need for this levy.

Motion: Commissioner Pollman made a motion that we run a six year EMS levy for \$.25 cents per thousand in the November 2007 general election. Commissioner Woody seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNED

With no further business, Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

A.H. Rogers, Chairman

Tonya Kelly, District Secretary

John Pollman, Commissioner

Approval Date

Dale Woody, Commissioner