

North Douglas Co. Fire & EMS  
Board of Directors Meeting May 20th, 2026  
531 S. Cedar St. Drain, Or 97435 5:00 PM  
Includes 2026-2027 Budget Hearing

The monthly meeting of the North Douglas County Fire & EMS Board of Directors was called to order at 5:02 by Bryce Wertz, with Richard Barrone and James Rogers present.

There was no media to introduce nor citizens who were not on the agenda. Richard made a motion to consent agenda which included approval of April's minutes, treasurer's report and payment of the bills seconded by James. Richard, and Bryce and James all voted in favor, no one voted against. The motion passed.

Chief's Report: Chief Burke went over the activity report and discussed some of the trainings the department has been involved in. We are also keeping an eye on what South Lanes future is with the failure of their operating levy and how it will affect the our district.

Old Business: All appeals regarding the Scotts Valley station lawsuit have been denied and this should mark the end of that part. Now we're just focusing on the collections portion.

New Business: **Budget Hearing: Resolution 262 adopting the budget for 2026-2027 and making appropriations.** Richard made the motion to approve the budget for 2026-2027 as presented and approved by the budget committee in the amount of \$6,126,000.00 with the permanent tax rate of 1.2190% and local option levy of .99/1000. The motion was seconded by James. James, Bryce and Richard all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Chief Burke presented Resolution 263 regarding the increase of ambulance rates to align with the County Rate increase. Bryce made a motion to adopt Resolution 263, seconded by James. Richard, James and Bryce all voted in favor and the motion passed.

The volunteer association recommended Brad Martin and Mike Grimes to become "Lifetime Members" which would give them complementary membership in FireMed. Richard made the Motion to approve both Brad and Mike as Lifetime Members, seconded by Bryce. Richard, Bryce, and James all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Good of The Order: None

The motion to adjourn was made by Bryce, seconded by Richard. Bryce, Richard, and James all voted in favor the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25

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Minutes submitted by Sheryl Barrone