

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District of Saint Louis County, Chesterfield, Missouri, met at the Administration Building, of said District, 13725 Olive Boulevard, in the City of Chesterfield, County of Saint Louis, on Friday, November 2, 2018, at 12:00 P.M. in an Open Board Meeting.

At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

Rick Gans - President/Chairman and Director
Jean Millner - Secretary and Director
Robin Harris - Treasurer and Director

Also present: Chief Cary Spiegel
Asst. Chief Les Crews
Atty. Matt Hoffman

A quorum being present, Director Gans called the meeting to order and announced the Board of Directors meeting to be in session for the transaction of any and all business to be brought before it at this time.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

12:03 P.M.

DIRECTOR GANS: Call to order the
Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection
District Board of Directors.

Would you please rise and join me in
the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Whereupon, all persons joined in reciting
the Pledge of Allegiance, and the following
proceedings were had.)

DIRECTOR GANS: We start with the
Approval of Agenda.

And I ask for any changes to the
agenda.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: And, I have none,
either.

That takes us to Citizen Comments,
and it doesn't appear we -- we'd have any
citizen cements, since all people in the audience
are employees of the District.

Welcome.

And that takes us to the President's

1 Report.

2 My report is brief.

3 I don't have a report.

4 Which, takes us to the Secretary's
5 Report.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Gracious. We're
7 just moving right along.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I have
10 approval of Meeting Minutes that are due.

11 And I have three.

12 Okay.

13 I move for the approval of the Open
14 Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2018 and October
15 23, 2018.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
17 motion.

18 Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

24 Motion passes.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I also move for

1 the approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes from
2 October 23, 2018.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
4 motion.

5 Any discussion?

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

11 Motion passes.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes the
13 Secretary's Report.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right, Thank
15 you.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: On to the
18 Treasurer's Report.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: In that case, we
20 have disbursements in the amount of \$230,084.14
21 for the period.

22 We have seven checks over \$5,000.00.

23 Check number 42035 to Montgomery
24 Bank. That is the credit card. It's an
25 assortment of charges.

1 Sorry. And that's for \$5,490.76.

2 Check number 42044 to S.H.I.
3 International Corporation.

4 That is for EMS computers and
5 warranty for same.

6 And then back-up software for the
7 server, in the amount of \$14,529.78.

8 Check number 42033 to Missouri
9 American Water Company.

10 That is for House Four, Headquarters
11 and the training tower in the amount of
12 \$5,525.76.

13 Check number 42028 to MacQueen's
14 Emergency Group.

15 That is for, it looks like, a
16 variety of vehicle repairs and along with some
17 turnout gear, specifically employee boots, in the
18 amount of \$8,045.04.

19 Check number 42022 to K. S. State
20 Bank. That's a lease payment for the aerial and
21 the pumper, as it notes here, in the amount of
22 \$114,316.52.

23 Check number 42002 to Energy
24 Petroleum.

25 That is for fuel and that is

1 \$9,393.37.

2 And, last, check number 41996 to
3 Dell Marketing.

4 That is for a new server in the
5 amount of \$8,600.58.

6 Are there any questions?

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: I had several. I
9 have emailed them and I actually was reading the
10 responses when you were reading the checks,
11 because I didn't have a chance to read them
12 beforehand.

13 So I do have a couple of comments
14 about the questions that I had asked, with an
15 email to the controller and the chief.

16 And there is not a copy to the
17 public file, so I'll ask if you would forward
18 that to the public file, also.

19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I will.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: So that's available
21 to the public.

22 Starting with check 40002, which is
23 a very large check for the fuel.

24 I was informed, that was actually
25 two months that there was a check they didn't

1 receive and this check was -- that check was
2 voided and this replaces that, plus the -- an
3 additional month.

4 That was the largest fuel check I'd
5 ever seen, yet, although gas prices have
6 increased, they haven't increased that much.

7 So, that's the reason for that large
8 check.

9 Another comment is, or question, is
10 about the replacement computers.

11 That check 42044.

12 And I should be the last person
13 asking this question, because I'm on the Central
14 County Board, but there was a time when Central
15 County was paying for laptops in the equipment,
16 in -- in the trucks and ambulances.

17 Central County's protocols have
18 changed for what they will pay for.

19 So, have we reached the point that
20 we're now paying for our own laptops in trucks
21 and ambulances?

22 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Nick Harper,
23 deputy chief of EMS.

24 The answer to that question is yes
25 and no.

1 We still use the --
2 MS. LONG: I can't hear what he's
3 saying.
4 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Talk into
5 it.
6 (Referring to the microphone.)
7 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: The answer is
8 yes and no.
9 We'll still use the computers in the
10 front of our cab, which Central County 911
11 provides and then these computers are for the
12 back and they'll be used for patient care
13 reporting.
14 EMS -- (interrupted by loud whistle)
15 DIRECTOR GANS: Don't talk so loud.
16 (General chuckles.)
17 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: EMS (not
18 clear)
19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I'll repeat
20 that over the -- (not clear)
21 Okay. And is that something new?
22 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir.
23 DIRECTOR GANS: And --
24 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Well, I -- I
25 should say relatively new.

1 We've been using our own computers,
2 the (one word not clear) books for quite a while.
3 They're ending the useful life, the
4 useful life and these are to replace that before
5 they fail completely.
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And how long
7 have we been using laptops in the back?
8 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Several years.
9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
10 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: And they were
11 replaced with our own (one word not clear) books,
12 I'm gonna guess, maybe, five or six years ago?
13 Maybe a little bit longer.
14 But, it's been several years.
15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So this is
16 going to become an on-going expense.
17 These computers will have to be
18 maintained, replaced and --
19 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir.
20 DIRECTOR GANS: -- (not clear)
21 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That's why we
22 bought --
23 DIRECTOR GANS: (not clear)
24 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That's why we
25 bought the warranty.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

2 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I guess
4 I missed that in budget discussions and other
5 discussions, because that -- that's a protocol
6 that's new to me.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: This was
8 actually on this year's budget. It was a
9 budgeted item that was discussed the summer of --
10 in the summer of '17.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, I remember
12 computers being on there, but I was under the
13 impression those were replacement desktop
14 computers for office staff and for officers.

15 So, how many total did we buy?

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Five.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.

18 And let me make sure that was my
19 only questions.

20 I think that's probably my only
21 question for you.

22 My other question is probably for
23 someone who is not in the room and it is about
24 the server that -- the domain server that we
25 replaced.

1 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.
2 DIRECTOR GANS: Is anyone
3 comfortable speaking about that?
4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'm not comfortable
5 going beyond my explanation.
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: (Not clear)
8 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Because the
9 explanation says it's to replace the domain
10 server.
11 It was budgeted and the old server
12 is dated, but I am -- I don't have my arms around
13 what that server is for.
14 What's it -- what is it hosting?
15 What's on it?
16 (No response.)
17 DIRECTOR GANS: If anyone knows, or
18 if Jim McKay is in the building, --
19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: He's not.
20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So would you
21 get back with the Board about that?
22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I will.
23 DIRECTOR GANS: Or, put Jim in
24 touch and that will also be copied to the public
25 file.

1 That was a -- a significant expense,
2 as well.

3 So that's the only clarifications
4 for you that I needed.

5 And that concludes my questions.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Well, you've
7 covered mine, so I have no additional questions.

8 All right.

9 In reviewing these disbursements,
10 they appear to be reasonable and necessary in the
11 conduct of the District's business.

12 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
13 prepared per your recommendation?

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate
16 any state bidding statutes, or constitute
17 installment payments?

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware
19 of.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I make a motion
21 that we accept the disbursements as prepared.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. We have a
24 motion and a second.

25 I usually second.

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I (not clear)
2 Strike that.
3 DIRECTOR GANS: But, you know what?
4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm sorry.
5 DIRECTOR GANS: We got a second.
6 We got a motion.
7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (not clear due to
8 speaking over each other.)
9 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I'll call for
10 the vote, now.
11 All in favor?
12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm going to vote,
13 now.
14 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes, you are.
15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
17 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
18 Motion passes three to nothing.
19 The checks may be paid.
20 Anything else?
21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I've just one --
22 well, actually, I have a couple of quick
23 comments.
24 Today marks the day that the Spruce
25 Goose actually operated on its one and only

1 flight.

2 It was an aircraft designed to begin
3 -- entered the design faze in early World War II.

4 It was to have carried 700 troops
5 into battle.

6 And even the largest airliners today
7 barely top 500 people.

8 But the wing span was more than 320
9 feet, made out of wood, because of the
10 restrictions on steel production.

11 Actually not restrictions, but
12 simply the utilization of steel for other needs
13 in -- during the war.

14 It actually was not supposed to have
15 flown that day, but Howard Hughes, who is known
16 as a recluse and movie producer, actually had his
17 aircraft company; he designed airplanes.

18 He test-flew airplanes.

19 Actually set an around-the-world
20 record in 1938 of less than four days.

21 So he was quite accomplished outside
22 of what he's renown for now.

23 And he took it out to do a water
24 taxi, because it was designed to land on the
25 water. Opted to take it air born, climbed to a

1 height of about 700 feet, flew roughly one mile.

2 It never flew again.

3 Also, on this date, and more
4 importantly, in 1777, John Paul Jones, a board
5 the USS Ranger with 140 seamen aboard, headed out
6 to sea. Actually, initially going to France and
7 then heading to areas around England and
8 Scotland, where he would make a name for himself
9 as a highly capable sailor and one of the fathers
10 of the U. S. Navy.

11 And I do have to make a note that he
12 actually went back to his native country,
13 Scotland, to kidnap an Earl, I believe, of
14 Selkirk, who was not at the time; since he was
15 gone, they wanted to kidnap him and trade him for
16 American prisoners.

17 They simply took anything of value.

18 And as the story goes, including all
19 of his silver, which had a teapot full of his
20 wife's morning tea still in it, when they left.

21 So that concludes the Treasurer's
22 Report.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Now, I've seen you
24 refer to web pages on your computer before when
25 you've enlightened us with the history lessons.

1 But that was all off the top of your head.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Well, I -- those
3 are things that I -- I look at regularly and some
4 are relatively simple and straight-forward.
5 Others, in order to be accurate, I -- I will
6 often have to reference my source material.

7 But, I -- I enjoyed the fact that
8 he's stole the teapot with the tea. I'm sorry.
9 He commandeered it so we could utilize that
10 silver to further our efforts.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
12 you for the Treasurer's Report.

13 We're moving to the Chief's Report.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

15 The only item I have this afternoon
16 is we're prepared to make a recommendation for
17 the thermal imaging camera's.

18 At your post is the "metrics" the
19 committee used to evaluate as well as the prices.

20 Battalion Chief Long is here and
21 available to answer any of your questions and to
22 make a recommendation.

23 B. C. LONG: Bill Long, battalion
24 chief.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Good afternoon.

1 B. C. LONG: Good afternoon. I'm
2 prepared to make our recommendation. I may take
3 a minute to recognize the members of the
4 committee, myself, Captain Coleman, Captain Moran
5 and Fire Fighter Nick Demere.

6 Our recommendation I'm about to give
7 you is based on field testing we do with the
8 cameras in the burn tower, under fire, heat and
9 smoke conditions, the evaluation of the bids,
10 compared to the specs and the cost.

11 Our recommendation is unanimous and
12 it's the MSA camera. Based on that, we would
13 recommend you award the bid to Sentinel Emergency
14 Solutions.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Any questions?

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Sorry. I do not
17 have the page opened to the cost.

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have it.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: It's down at the
20 bottom. It looks like --

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It is.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: -- it's \$6,267.50
23 for a single unit and we'd be buying eight of
24 them.

25 B. C. LONG: That's correct.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: For a total of
2 \$50,140.00.

3 And it's -- in reviewing the
4 information you provided, which is helpful;
5 something we don't always get, so, thank you to
6 the committee --

7 B. C. LONG: Hm-hm.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: -- and to you for
9 doing that. That helps.

10 We can see there's a few no's that
11 the contenders, you don't recommend received,
12 there are those no no's.

13 I would like to be present if you're
14 going to drop the "favors" six feet for that one,
15 but we're probably not going to buy it, so
16 there's no sense in dropping it.

17 And I have no -- no questions.

18 Does anyone else have questions?

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I do. Where are
20 we going to carry these units?

21 B. C. LONG: Five of 'em will be the
22 five front line pumpers, one on the rescue truck
23 and the other two will be on our reserve pumpers,
24 the reserve pumper and (not clear).

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay. So I just

1 -- I wasn't sure, when I looked at the number
2 eight. Five would be obvious.

3 So, none in staff vehicles. All on
4 front line apparatus.

5 B. C. LONG: Yes, sir. That's
6 correct.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That was my only
8 question.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, to piggyback
10 on that, we probably have our old one, still.

11 And will you carry that on 2202?

12 B. C. LONG: I do not intend to
13 carry those, or use them. I'm probably going to
14 recommend to the chief we'll try and sell 'em.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

16 B. C. LONG: I don't like to hold
17 equipment that we're not gonna work with. I
18 don't want to train with equipment that's not our
19 first line equipment.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: There are times
21 when you're first on the scene. Not by design,
22 but just by location.

23 B. C. LONG: That's true.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I guess, though,
25 the first thing you pull out is not the thermal

1 imaging camera. Not when you're in command.
2 B. C. LONG: No, sir. (Not clear.)
3 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. That's
4 correct. That makes sense. I talked myself out
5 of it.
6 B. C. LONG: Okay.
7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: You want to (not
8 clear)
9 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, I -- I --
10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have one
11 question.
12 DIRECTOR GANS: Aside from value,
13 I -- I -- so I go back to when we had one and we
14 had two, (not clear) in 2202, so that it could
15 show up in a scene.
16 B. C. LONG: Yes, we had --
17 DIRECTOR GANS: But they were too
18 expensive to put 'em on the trucks.
19 B. C. LONG: Yep.
20 DIRECTOR GANS: So, --
21 B. C. LONG: That's correct.
22 DIRECTOR GANS: -- I guess I'm
23 harking back to those days.
24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have one
25 question.

1 B. C. LONG: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The MSA does not
3 have an extended warranty available? Or, is that
4 not anything to worry about?

5 B. C. LONG: It comes with a five
6 year warranty.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

8 B. C. LONG: Yeah, that -- that's
9 standard. The five year.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

11 B. C. LONG: All the others, we had
12 to purchase the extended warranty to get it up to
13 five years.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. I'm
15 comfortable with that.

16 B. C. LONG: Yeah.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's fine.

18 B. C. LONG: All right.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: And if there are no
21 further questions, I will make a motion to award
22 the bid for thermal imagining cameras, or, I
23 should say, eight thermal imagining cameras to
24 MSA at the price of \$6,267.50 for a total of --
25 and I'm assuming this math is correct,

1 \$50,140.00.
2 Do I hear a second?
3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.
4 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?
5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes.
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Did you do the
7 math?
8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.
9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I didn't do the
11 math. I'm gonna trust -- I'm gonna trust the
12 chief for his math.
13 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You did the math.
15 Right?
16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: My calculator did.
17 Yes.
18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Your calculator.
19 Okay. That's better.
20 (General chuckles.)
21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You said five
22 years on the warranty?
23 B. C. LONG: A five year warranty.
24 That's correct. Yes.
25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: So two years

1 complete coverage. One year battery, oh, "cc
2 coverage," what is --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: For your concern,
4 it doesn't that anywhere (not clear)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It does not say
6 five year. I'm just asking. I was certain that
7 it's five, or is that something we need to
8 purchase?

9 DIRECTOR GANS: (not clear)

10 (Three people speaking over each other.)

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's fine.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Now we
13 don't like the form.

14 (General chuckles.)

15 B. C. LONG: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah, I -- I need
17 the form amended for next time.

18 B. C. LONG: Okay.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We have
20 a motion and a second.

21 If there's no further discussion,
22 I'll call for the vote.

23 All in favor?

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
2 Motion passes three to nothing.
3 Go buy 'em.
4 B. C. LONG: Thank you.
5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thanks, Bill.
6 That's all I have.
7 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Moving
8 on to the Attorney's Report.
9 MISTER HOFFMAN: I do not have a
10 report this afternoon.
11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.
12 Any New Business for today?
13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.
14 DIRECTOR GANS: Unfinished Bus-
15 iness?
16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.
17 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.
18 Hearing none, I make a motion to
19 adjourn.
20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'll second that
21 one.
22 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?
23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
25 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

1 Motion passes three to nothing.

2 We are adjourned and we're off the
3 record.

4 (Whereupon, the Meeting was adjourned as
5 described above.)

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7 [Minutes recorded by the Monarch Fire
8 Protection District and transcribed by Virginia
9 L. Long.]

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