

**Pace Fire Rescue District**  
**Final Budget Meeting**  
**September 17, 2024**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Present: Chairman Dean Anderson, Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia and Secretary Daniel Mills.

Not Present: Commissioner Brandon Beecher, and Treasurer Bob Jankowski  
absence was excused.

Chairman Dean Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

a. Chairman Dean Anderson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Moment of Silence**

a. Chairman Dean Anderson led in the opening prayer.

**4. Public Forum**

- a. The citizens of Pace came to the meeting to discuss the 2024-2025 Budget with the board. They expressed their upset with the amount of the increase and not knowing about Bill 1573 before it went as far as it had. The citizens suggested other ways to raise the money in other ways such as charging people for clean up on the road after an accident, charge for the time and supplies used putting out a fire, etc. Pastor Rogers expressed his concerns on churches not being exempt from the tax. The board discussed Bill 1573 with the citizens explaining Senator Broxson and Representative Andrade's involvement. The citizens asked what their next move would be to have this Bill stopped and the board advised them to contact their representative. The board went on to explain how they were waiting for the figures on the new budget for the year 2024-2025 before they could decide on the flat rate.
- b. Andrew Adcox, President of the Santa Rosa Professional Firefighters IAFF L-4836 Union, informed the board that there is no longer need for a PERK hearing, both parties had come to an agreement. Robert McClelland, Vice-President of the Professional Firefighters IAFF L-4836 Union, presented a proposal to increase the pay scale for the firefighters for 24-25 budget. The lengthy discussion between Mr. McClelland and the board continued. Mr. Adcox discussion was based on last year's dollar raise for the next three years to offset the minimum wage increase. A 6% raise is only ninety cent raise not a dollar, a 7% raise would be \$1.05. Secretary Mills remembered the \$1 increase but looking into it a percentage raise would benefit everyone in longevity. Vice-Chairman Gradia confirmed that basically the Union was asking for another raise

on top of the raise already in place for the 2024-2025 Budget year, which he could not justify a raise on top of another raise. Chairman Anderson tabled this discussion until a future meeting date could be set. Chairman Anderson continued with the Budget meeting.

- c. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to lower the flat rate. A Motion to adopt the flat rate reduction was 1<sup>st</sup> made by Secretary Daniel Mills and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia. The new flat rates will be as follows:
  - i. Residential flat rate of \$150 up to 1600 square foot, with an additional \$0.1245 for each square foot in excess of 1600 square foot.
  - ii. Commercial flat rate of \$500 up to 950 square feet, with an additional \$0.1544 for each square foot in excess of 950 square foot.
  - iii. Vacant Land flat rate of \$30.96 for unimproved acres up to 3 acres with an additional \$10.32 per acre over 3 acres.

#### **5. Resolution 24-03 Budget Modification**

- a. Chairman Dean Anderson read the Resolution 24-03 Budget Modification to everyone in attendance.
- b. Motion to adopt the 24-03 Budget Modification was 1<sup>st</sup> by Secretary Daniel Mills and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Gradia at 7:55 pm.
- c. The motion was passed, unanimously.

#### **6. Motion to Adjourn**

- a. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.
- b. Motion to Adjourn was 1<sup>st</sup> made by Secretary Daniel Mills and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Nick Gradia.
- c. Motion passed, unanimously.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.



Dean Anderson, Chairman