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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

JULY 6, 2005

Chairman Kniefel called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present were: Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Branville, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Tammaro and Clerk Sersha. Members of the Fayal Fire truck Project Committee in attendance were: Steve Shykes, Scott Smith, Rob Spolar, Eric Garman, Mike Knutson and Chris Sailstad.

Chairman Kniefel stated the sole purpose of the special meeting is to consider Change Order #1, proposed by Custom Fire Apparatus for the fire truck project. A copy of the change order is attached to these minutes. The change order calls for substituting an International chassis for a Peterbilt chassis, which was in the specification.

Motion to accept Change Order # 1, made by Supervisor Branville. Supervisor Tammaro supported the motion, for discussion, and questioned what are we accepting? Supervisor Branville stated we are accepting a like-chassis for the original, but at a savings of \$5,000.00. Supervisor Tammaro questioned the other changes that are listed, such as the veri-rate rear axle capacity, aluminum fuel tank and set-back front axle (shorter wheelbase).

Supervisor Beldo states he is confused by the deducts on the change order and questions if they are deducts off of the Peterbilt or the International? Beldo states he wants to get the truck the committee will be satisfied with.

Discussion on the suspension, wheelbase, gear ratio, horsepower and torque. Committee members state they have not researched the International chassis and do not support the change order, but that the decision on the chassis lies with the town board.

Rob Spolar questioned how the change order can be legal, when the specifications were approved by the board for a Peterbilt? Chairman Kniefel answered that is a gray area, and there is some risk. Supervisor Branville states the change order is legal and legitimate. Chairman Kniefel states we are still purchasing the truck from Custom Fire, and they are proposing the change. We have to decide if we do or do not want a Peterbilt. Kniefel states Custom Fire can buy the International anywhere.

Supervisor Branville stated that this purchase will be around for a long time, and having a truck that can be serviced locally means local dollars will stay local.

Supervisor Pernu questioned if there was a big difference between the Peterbilt and International chassis. Committee members answered that the Peterbilt is of higher quality of workmanship and the most dependable. The recommendation for the Peterbilt was made by the committee because they believe it is the most reliable for a long-term truck, and the best for the township.

Chairman Kniefel stated he agrees with Supervisors Branville and Tammaro on the cost issue, but the board had ample time to study the specs before approving them, and it was very clear the specs were for a Peterbilt chassis. Kniefel further stated that the committee is still standing on their recommendation, and to maintain the integrity of the bidding process, in spite of valid arguments related to cost, he is remaining with the original spec.

Chairman Kniefel then asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Chairman Kniefel called for the question.

Supervisors Branville, Pernu and Tammaro voted yes. Supervisors Beldo and Kniefel voted no. Motion carries 3 - 2.

Chairman Kniefel adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Sersha
Clerk of Fayal

Approved:

Chair

Attest:

Clerk