

**BIG PINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 21, 2026**

Loralee Mairs called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Big Pine Fire Protection District to order at 5:30 PM on July 21, 2026.

Commissioners present: Loralee Mairs, Callie Peek, Brian Howard Kerry Koontz and Pete Schlieker
Absent: None.

Chief Damon Carrington, Ryan Carrington and Kyle Hayes from the Big Pine Fire Department and Matt Otten from the Big Pine Civic Club were also present.

Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2026

First: Callie Peek Second: Pete Schlieker All in favor, with corrections in Reports section

Bills submitted for payment:

Fiscal Year 25/26

Ambulance Budget:

American Business Machines	\$	25.91
Britt's Diesel (Ambulance Service)	\$	2,472.76
Cross Connections	\$	583.61
Hi Country Market (Fuel)	\$	130.00
Hungry Pig in Big Pine - BP 76	\$	-
Inyo Cty. Auditor-Contoller (payroll software)	\$	36.29
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	\$	195.21
LN Curtis (Hurst Tools)	\$	14,760.24
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	1,073.91
WEX Bank - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-
Total:	\$	19,277.93

Fire Budget:

Amazon	\$	385.15
Amazon	\$	511.29
American Business Machines	\$	25.90
AT&T Mobility	\$	112.00
Big Pine CSD Water	\$	-
Bishop Waste Disposal	\$	37.44
Cross Connection	\$	206.34
DWP-058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	\$	-
DWP-181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1826000159	\$	-

DWP-281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	\$	-
DWP-381 6000000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	\$	-
Eastern Sierra Propane	\$	-
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2444	\$	-
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2600	\$	-
Hi Country Market (Fuel)	\$	522.76
High Country Lumber	\$	276.16
Inyo Cty. Auditor-Controller (payroll software)	\$	133.57
Inyo County Waste Management	\$	-
JE for HME Engine purchase	\$	188,500.00
LN Curtis	\$	374.54
LN Curtis	\$	641.11
LN Curtis	\$	134.55
LN Curtis	\$	903.45
Mr. K Automotive	\$	788.71
Optimum	\$	77.00
SCE	\$	10.71
Streamline - DocAccess	\$	50.00
Streamline	\$	-
The Grasshopper - James Gray	\$	160.00
Vital Signs	\$	400.05
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	89.92
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	158.23
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	1,516.81
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	275.69
Total:	\$	196,291.38

Wildland Budget:

Elevated Mobile Repair (parts & labor for 2317)	\$	4,768.84
Inyo Cty. Auditor-Controller (payroll software)	\$	1,042.21
JE for HME Engine purchase	\$	300,000.00
LN Curtis	\$	118.42
LN Curtis	\$	505.35
Payroll	\$	55,574.66
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	3,361.21
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	1,385.02

Total:	\$	366,755.71
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ACO Budget:

HME, Inc.	\$	581,492.00
LN Curtis (Hurst Tools)	\$	14,760.25
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	-
Total:	\$	596,252.25
Total Expenditures:	\$	1,178,577.27
Income from Fire Billing:		
6/3/26 - 36 Treas 310/Misc pay	\$	2,810.09
Income from Amb Billing:		
6/29/26 - amb serv	\$	1,149.52
Income from Wildland:		
	\$	-
Income for HME Engine Purchase to ACO		
6/18/26 - from Operating and Wildland	\$	488,500.00
<i>Fund Balances as of 6/28/26</i>		
ACO	\$	178,709.00
Operating	\$	306,339.00
Ambulance	\$	168,004.00
Wildland	\$	801,220.00
TOTAL	\$	1,454,272.00

Fiscal Year 26/27

Ambulance Budget:

American Business Machines	\$	-
Golden State Risk Management	\$	13,779.17
Hi Country Market (Fuel)	\$	-
Hungry Pig in Big Pine - BP 76	\$	-
Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	-
WEX Bank - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-

Total:	\$	13,779.17
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Fire Budget:

Amazon	\$	520.51
American Business Machines	\$	-
AT&T Mobility	\$	-
Big Pine CSD Water	\$	-
Bishop Waste Disposal	\$	-
DWP-058 590 8433 (Bldg. #3 Structure Bay) 585908433	\$	-
DWP-181 600 0000 (Bldg. #1 Meeting Room) 1826000159	\$	106.69
DWP-281 600 0000 (Siren) 2816000xxx	\$	46.50
DWP-381 6000000 (Bldg. #2 Wildland Bay) 3816000343	\$	98.81
Elevated Mobile Repair	\$	300.00
Elevated Mobile Repair	\$	633.49
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2444	\$	259.95
Frontier Communications - (760)938-2600	\$	197.56
Golden State Risk Management	\$	20,668.79
Hi Country Market (Fuel)	\$	-
High Country Lumber	\$	-
Inyo County Waste Management	\$	-
Optimum	\$	-
SCE	\$	-
Streamline - DocAccess	\$	-
Streamline	\$	209.30
The Grasshopper - James Gray	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	-
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-
Total:	\$	23,041.60

Wildland Budget:

Amazon	\$	183.16
Golden State Risk Management	\$	20,668.79
Payroll	\$	21,625.70
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-
VISA- Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	-
WEX BANK - Chevron Credit Card	\$	-

Total:		\$	42,477.65
ACO Budget:			
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9652	\$	-	
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9611	\$	-	
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #9660	\$	-	
VISA - Oak Valley Community Bank - #0866	\$	-	
Total:	\$	-	
Total Expenditures:	\$	79,298.42	
Income from Fire Billing:			
Income from Amb Billing:			
Income from Wildland:			
<i>Fund Balances as of 7/21/26</i>			
ACO	\$	178,708.73	
Operating	\$	283,913.10	
Ambulance	\$	154,200.84	
Wildland	\$	780,401.61	
TOTAL	\$	1,397,224.28	

Motion to pay the bills submitted:

First: Kerry Koontz Second: Callie Peek All in favor

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- OES Pay Rates
Update OES Rates Resolution number 07212026 to approve the new rates as follows:
Firefighter - \$51.28 Captain- \$58.96 Overhead - \$65.97
Motion for approval
First: Kerry Koontz Second: Callie Peek Abstain: Pete Schlieker All in favor
- Fire Pay Rates
Update Pay Rate Resolution number 07212026The hourly rates that are charged by the Big Pine Fire Protection District for accidents and other fire related calls are the same rates that are charged members of our community, CalFire, OES, the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the same or similar services.
Motion for approval:
First: Callie Peek Second: Kerry Koontz Abstain: Pete Schlieker All in favor
- The Board discussed the Secretary's compensation. Because the matter was not included on the posted agenda, no action was taken. Staff were directed to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

REPORTS

Update from the Chief

- The department now has CFN fuel cards as well as approval for CAL-Cards to ensure there are enough funds with the increase in fuel costs.
- Our Ice Machine is broken; a contractor is currently working to fix it.
- It is known that there has been an arsonist in the area lighting fires.
- The Rock Fire started July 20th at 4:50 PM, off 395 just southwest of Aberdeen. Our department sent four pieces of equipment with additional resources from Bishop Fire Department, Independence Fire Department and CalFire. With high winds it spread quickly, which initiated evacuations of the immediate area including Aberdeen. Fire activity continued to be erratic, changing directions several times. Aircraft was only able to fly till about 1:30 PM on the 21st. Fire is currently at 5,500 acres with 5% containment.
- Engine 2317 is on Assistance by Hire for CalFire.
- Push in ceremony for the new engine 2314 is set for July 22nd. We will request through the Incident Commander of the Rock Fire if the engine can be taken off the Rock Fire for the ceremony.
- New Engine, 2314, has been in service since July 15th.

Update from the Assistant Chief

- None.

Update from Commissioner Chairperson Lorelee Mairs

- Discussed the proration amount to be paid to the previous Secretary. It was advised to submit it for the July payroll.

PUBLIC

- Matt Otten from Copper Top BBQ, wanted to offer ice to the department if needed.

Run Report

	MONTHLY TOTALS	
	Fire Calls	4
	Medical	15
	Fire & Medical	2
	Service Calls	0
	Training	3
	Misc.	1
	Good	0
	False	0
	Hazard	1
	Weather	1
	Explosion	0
	YEARLY TOTAL	142

There being no further business, a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

First: Brian Howard Seconded: Callie Peek All in favor.

Adjournment – Lorelee Mairs adjourned the meeting at 6:03PM

Submitted – Nicole West, Secretary