

**Combined MFD and Madison County Fire Protection District Board Meeting
1330 hrs * May 19, 2026 * Meeting Minutes**

Madison County Fire Protection District Board members in attendance: Cole Baldwin, Ken Anderson

MFD Board members in attendance:

Todd Smith for Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner; Alisha Tietjen for Mayor Jerry Merrill, City of Rexburg; Ken Anderson, Fire Protection District Commissioner; Dr. Jeffrey Zollinger, Medical Director (attendance via Zoom video call)

Others in attendance were:

Corey Child, Chief; Troyce Miskin, Deputy Chief; Amber Steckley, Matt Nielson, Bill Riggins, Joseph Haeberle, Korth Petersen

Meeting Called to Order: 1330


Items on the agenda include:

- 1. Welcome:** Commissioner Anderson – welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for being there.
- 2. Roll Call of Board Members:** All in attendance as noted above.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (March 17, 2026):** The minutes were read by Commissioner Anderson. Dr. Zollinger motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Alisha Tietjen, all ayes.
- 4. FY 2027 Budget Considerations:** Chief Child presented the FY 2027 proposed budget and noted that ESNA and Wildland will now stand on their own and have carryover accounts. He also noted he did not feel it was wise to count on money from ESNA or Wildland to fund the general JPA budget, so the proposed FY 2027 budget does not show any funding from those two entities toward the JPA. Chief Child also presented the estimated carryover amounts for each fund. In brevity, the budget is as follows: JPA Operating Budget: \$6,985,327 Fire District; \$1,334,770, City \$2,332,279; Ambulance \$3,318,278. Amounts over prior year are due to the 2.73% COLA, increases in liability insurance, workers compensation insurance and benefit insurance. The capital obligation for each entity: \$145,000 Fire District; \$145,000 City; \$40,000 Ambulance. Chief Child also stated that he felt the Dispatch allocations needed to be revisited and felt the amount being paid to Dispatch from the JPA was not appropriately proportioned compared to the usage of the Sheriff and Police Department. The JPA is paying for approximately 25% of the overall dispatch budget when the usage is only at 7.07% compared to the SO at 41.60% and the PD at 51.33%. More will be discussed on this later. Commissioner Smith motioned for each entity to carry the budget back to their respective boards for consideration and approval. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tietjen, all aye.
- 5. Adjourn:** 1422. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Dr. Zollinger, all aye.

Approval of Minutes:



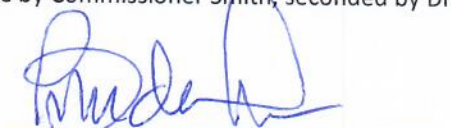
Kenneth Anderson, Fire Commissioner



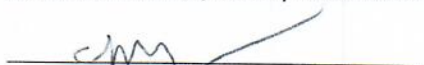
Jerry Merrill, Rexburg Mayor



Cole Baldwin, Fire Commissioner



Brent Mendenhall, County Commissioner



Dr. Jeffrey Zollinger, Medical Director



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