



Above: The two newest Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District board directors are Mike Smaldino, left, a Monument resident since 2006 and firefighter in Colorado Springs since 1998, who is starting a four-year term, and Larry Smith, a Woodmoor resident for over 20 years who is starting a two-year term. Office Manager Jennifer Martin read the oath of office to the four directors elected May 7: Jacob Shirk, John Hildebrandt, Smaldino, and Smith. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

Chief's report

Truty thanked "our beloved accountant" Cheryl Marshall, for accomplishing an "absolutely unbelievable task" in figuring out the district financial records in a short amount of time to prepare for the 2013 audit. Marshall

is moving out of the area and has been working with her replacement, Frances Esty.

A surveyor is doing a title search to determine the exact property boundaries for the Station 1 well so that the county can approve a subdivision exemption, which should have been done 35

years ago, Truty said.

Communication between TLMFPD and the property owner next to Station 2 has been cleared up, allowing for an easement for the Station 2 septic system to be obtained.

Truty said that the inclusion vote in May passed by a significant margin; the preliminary result was 129-22. This will include 162 new properties into TLMFPD, east of Highway 83 between County Line Road and Hodgen Road, and generate about \$60,000 in annual property taxes.

Five district vehicles were out for repair or maintenance the night of the May 28 meeting: two engines, two ambulances, and one truck. Wescott and Larkspur have both provided equipment to help breach the gap.

Truty told the board that he signed renewals of agreements with Penrose-St. Francis Indigent Health Care Program and with Pike Peak Community College to continue to allow EMS students to ride with the ambulances.

Switching to gmail email system has reduced costs by \$600 or 25 percent per month.

The North Group selected a new EMS physician advisor, Dr. Timothy Hurtado, which could standardize training for EMS for the whole North Group.

Black Forest Fire After Action Reports indicated the need to be able to get a large quantity of units to one place quickly. In May, the State Fire Chiefs Association ran an exercise with a goal of getting 30 fire apparatus to a scene within 90 minutes; 24 units reached the scene.

TLMFPD hopes to hire a new firefighter when a captain retires on July 8. Because of this year's prior reorganization of battalion chiefs, there is one extra officer at this time. Truty stated that no one will be promoted when the captain retires,

because the number of officers will then match the number of officer positions.

After some discussion, the board consensus was to offer to host a workshop for board members in the North Group to learn more about the Special Districts Association (SDA) and rules for board members in Colorado.

The board went into executive session at 7:42 p.m. No votes were scheduled after the executive session.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For additional information, contact the district Fire Administration Office at 719-484-0911.

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**Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority, May 13
2014 budget amended**

By Jim Kendrick

The board of the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) elected officers for 2014 at the meeting on May 13. The board, which had not met since Sept. 23, 2013, consists of two members of the Monument Board of Trustees and three elected El Paso County officials. The five-member board elected the following officers:

- Chair—Monument Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Kaiser
- Vice chair—County Commissioner Darryl Glenn
- Secretary/treasurer—Monument Mayor Rafael Dominguez
- Assistant secretary/treasurer—County Commissioner Dennis Hisey
- Assistant secretary/treasurer—County Clerk and Recorder Wayne Williams

Hisey did not attend this meeting.

2014 budget amendment approved

The board unanimously approved a resolution to amend the 2014 BRRTA budget and corresponding appropriation to increase the total amount appropriated in the general fund from \$608,000 to \$860,000. A board-approved 2013 BRRTA contribution of \$250,000 to the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) for future West Baptist Road construction was not actually wired until January 2014, so this amount had to be shown as an amendment so it could then be formally re-appropriated for 2014. A second contribution of \$500,000 in 2014 to PPRTA for West Baptist Road construction had already been approved in the original 2014 budget.

The amendment and appropriation amendment to the 2014 BRRTA general fund budget:

- Increased the construction line from \$500,000 to the full \$750,000 contribution.
- Increased the contingency line from \$2,142 to \$4,142.
- Increased the beginning general fund balance from the Sept. 23 estimate of \$748,840 to the actual amount forwarded, \$1.018 million.

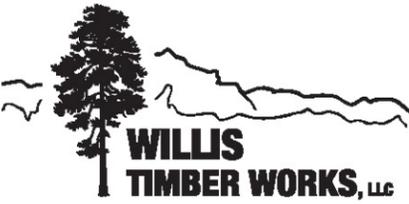
Claims approved/ratified

The board unanimously approved 12 payments totaling \$775,437 made by the staff since the Sept. 23 board meeting:

- \$750,000 to PPRTA for road

construction

- \$6,787, \$4,949, \$6,204, and \$10,427 to Clifton Larson Allen for accounting, management, and sales tax administration
- \$4,608, \$1,372, \$577, and \$3,724 to Spencer Fane Britt and Brown LLP for legal expenses
- \$21 to Community Media of Colorado for miscellaneous expenses
- \$220 to Special Courier LLC for miscellaneous expenses
- \$700 to the Town of Monument for impact fees inadvertently sent to BRRTA



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