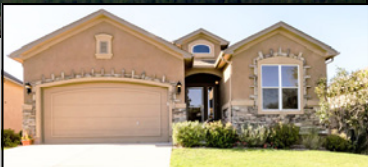


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revenues, possibly as high as \$350,000 in extra income, because property tax levels were increased. Court commended Burns for presenting the budget so early, since it isn't due to the board until Oct. 15 by statute. Burns was appointed budget officer, and included the following in this preliminary budget:

- For 2020, the AMR line item of the budget will be zero because the company has not yet signed a contract with the district.
- Burns said he would like to increase salaries that didn't get increased in 2019, but Gunderman said, "I don't want to chase Tri-Lakes" Monument Fire Protection District, with regard to their salaries.

- Funding for education is "paramount in the fire service," Burns said.
- The chief asked the board to consider either purchasing a new tender at a cost of about \$300,000 or building an addition onto Station 1 for \$150,000 in 2020.

Pension board requests increase in retirement payments Pension board representatives Lt. Bryan Ackerman and Lt. Tim Hampton asked the board to raise the monthly payout that their 13 retirees receive from \$400 to \$450 after an actuarial study showed an annual increase of \$6,583 paid annually would keep the fund 105% funded. The board discussed the suggestion but didn't take a vote.

Other decisions

- Following a new law, the board voted to only post their meeting notices online at [www.wescott.org](http://www.wescott.org).
- Wescott will hold an open house on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate Fire Prevention Week.

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The next Donald Wescott fire district meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. There will be promotions ahead of the meeting on the 15th, starting at 6 p.m. For information, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 488-8680 or see [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org).

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### Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District, Sept. 25

## Three apply for replacement position; fiscal policy updated

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District (BFFRPD) board meeting on Sept. 25, the board approved an updated fiscal policy and learned about the expedited search for a replacement staff member.

Director Jim Abendshan was excused.

### Executive session conclusion

After the Aug. 20 board meeting, firefighter/EMT Larry Bell elected to have an open public executive session to discuss personnel matters with his attorney present and with BFFRPD staff and board members in attendance. Bell's family and friends were also

present during the discussion. He resigned from BFFRPD three days after the executive session. See [www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#bffrpd](http://www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#bffrpd).

### Staffing vacancy

Interim Chief PJ Langmaid said that because of Bell's resignation, a full-time career position had become available. Three have applied, and it is

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