



**LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO #14  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING**



**January 13, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This Special Board Meeting was called to order at 6:26pm Morton General Hospital upstairs conference room at 521 Adams Street, Morton, WA 98356

This Special Board Meeting was called to start at 6:00pm for the purpose of determining from Dianne Dorey, LC Assessor which districts, if any will be involved in the Proration Levy Buy Out for the year of 2016

**PRESENT**

Present: Morton Hospital Board;, Lewis County Cemetery #4 Board; Lewis County Fire District #18 Board, and Lewis County Fire District #14 Board

**ASSESSORS OFFICE:** see attached document submitted by Dianne

- Dianne Dorey, LC Assessor and her Deputy Assessor Marci arrived late at 6:25pm
- Dianne distributed a document that list the TCA taxing code areas #255 & 741 along with the various districts involved in the cumulative levy rate of certain regular levies under the \$5.90 maximum statutory limit (RCW 84.52.043).
- Buying out another district's levying capacity is a lawful option. It minimizes the potentially devastating impact of a district not able to collect funds if they are at or near the bottom of the pecking order while lessening the impact of the higher ranking district's losses.
- Dianne stated the two districts involved in the 2016 Proration Levy Buy Out in TCA (taxing code area) #741 are LC Cemetery #4 and LC Fire District #14. As it stands for 2016:
  - LC Cemetery District #4 would lose regular tax levy amount of \$36,169.08
  - LC Fire District #14 would lose regular tax levy amount of \$11,818.27
- If these two districts proceed in agreement of LC Fire District #14 lessening their regular tax levy percentage, the LC Cemetery District #4 would then be able to collect \$24,350.88 and then agree to pay LC Fire District #14 a total of \$11,818.27 in two equal payments on May 1, 2016 and November 1, 2016.
- After a question from the Cemetery District #4, Dianne Dorey stated these are the only two districts in TCA #741 involved in the 2016 Proration Levy Buy Out

At 6:40pm our district went to a side section of the conference room to discuss this option of the Proration Levy Buy Out with LC Cemetery District #4.

- After some discussion among the Commissioners and Fire Chief Jeff Jaques:

On a motion made by Commissioner R. John Pollman and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Lindh:

“To make the agreement with LC Cemetery District #4 to lessening our regular tax levy percentage, the LC Cemetery District #4 would then be able to collect \$24,350.88 and they agree to pay LC Fire District #14 a total of \$11,818.27 in two equal payments on May 1, 2016 and November 1, 2016.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LC FIRE DISTRICT #14 AND LC CEMETERY DISTRICT #4**

- LC Fire #14 Board rejoined the main meeting and stated to LC Cemetery District #4 of the voted agreement.
- LC Cemetery District #4 accepted the agreement
- Dianne Dorey did not have the agreement printed out and ready to sign
  - Dianne stated she needed this agreement need to be signed by Commissioners from both district and the original in her office by Friday, January 15, 2016
  - Dianne agreed she would accept a copy of the original e-mailed to her office by Friday with the original mailed to her office
  - Shannon Garcia, Executive Assistant of Morton General Hospital will forward templates of the agreement to both districts.
- Dianne Dorey stated that she will be sending a document later this year which each district can give the Assessor the authority to process the years Proration Levy Buy Out without having to come together for a meeting.
  - Our Commissioners did not seem interested in this idea. They want to be involved in the details of such Proration Levy Buy Out agreements

**ADJOURNED**

This Special Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

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A.H. Rogers, Chairman – Position #3

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Penny Owens, Recording Secretary

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John Pollman, Commissioner – Position #1

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Approval Date

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Dale Woody, Commissioner – Position #2

**Approved & Signed - Board Meeting 1/14/2016**