

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a special budget meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund. Commissioner Panzer was absent.

FOR DISCUSSION

RIVERSIDE POOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Board generally felt the Joint Powers Agreement for the use of Governmental Facilities and Exercise of Governmental Powers with regard to the management of Riverside Pool looked good and should be approved.

However, Councilman Glassheim wants a meeting on it; therefore, it will be on the October Board meeting agenda for approval.

2009 BUDGET

Commissioner Westlund inquired as to what are we hearing from health insurance companies?

John stated he's visited with CPS, Ltd regarding their coverage under the Medica Plan and they indicated they are happy with it.

Colette stated she has also talked to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a similar plan to Medica's.

The entire Board agreed there is a need to get together and look at a new system for medical insurance.

Commissioner Hutchison suggested the District investigate PERS in regard to the retirement plan and medical insurance.

The Board generally felt the employees should not have to pay for 100% of their health insurance premium. President Hutchison also stressed his views on medical insurance:

1. If we can find a new plan that does not increase our cost over the current year, and go with it, the Park District would cover it.
2. We would not switch to a new plan and/or policy without the employees' "blessing."

3. No employee will go backward in wages because of a change in policy for providing medical insurance coverage.

Commissioner Westlund also stressed the Board is not trying to be a scrooge, but it does have to be fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Bollman volunteered to replace former Commissioner Jeske on the Personnel Committee and serve with Commissioner Panzer.

Commissioner Bollman stated the 2009 budget is now at a 4.73% increase and he's happy with that.

The mill levy is at 39.25 mills, and the Board is satisfied with that.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to give preliminary approval to the mill levy at 39.25 mills. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

The budget will appear on the October 7 Board meeting agenda for final approval

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President