

**Convening as the Governing Body of the Josephine County Rural Fire Protection District:
December 5, 2024**

1:00 pm – Board of Commissioners Conference Room

Commissioners John West, Herman E. Baertschiger Jr., and Andreas Blech; Kassie Austin, Recorder

Chair John West called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Contract for Personal Services with Eric P. Fournier, of Day, Driver, Fournier, & Reinhart LLP (*One original Contract filed with the County Clerk*)

Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, discussed the contract and how the district is separate from the county. It has its own governing body. The Josephine County Law Enforcement District has its own separate legal counsel, and this new district will also need to have county legal counsel. The district counsel will walk through getting the funding in order with the state funds that have been set aside. Also, the rural fire protection district will also be represented and working along the issue regarding the current situation and dispute over the Applegate Fire District attempting to annex the 776 properties. Commissioner West stated there could be a potential conflict of interest, as he resides in the county rural fire protection district. Commissioner Blech stated he has properties that reside within the rural fire protection district, for any potential conflicts of interest. Commissioner Baertschiger also stated he could have a potential conflict of interest, as he is a resident of Josephine County. The Board of Commissioners approved the contract without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.