

JOINT COUNTY/CITY WORK SESSION



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Courthouse
206 W. 1st Avenue
Hutchinson, KS 67501

A G E N D A

Reno County Annex Conference Room

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Business Item**
 - 2.A City of Hutchinson Fire Department/Reno County Fire District #2 Capital Request (ARPA Funds)



AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM #2.A

AGENDA DATE: March 22, 2022

PRESENTED BY:

AGENDA TOPIC:

City of Hutchinson Fire Department/Reno County Fire District #2 Capital Request (ARPA Funds)

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND OF TOPIC:

Hutchinson Fire Chief Steve Beer sent the City of Hutchinson and Reno County a request for additional fire vehicles and equipment on March 9, 2022. The request (attached) indicated the need for resources to better fight fires in Fire District #2 and the surrounding areas.

For reference, a map of the Reno County fire districts is attached.

Today's joint meeting between Reno County and the City of Hutchinson governing bodies is to discuss funding of this request.



CITY OF HUTCHINSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Steven Beer
Fire Chief

March 9, 2022

Reno County
206 W 1st Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dear Randy Partington,

Per our discussion from this past weekend, The Hutchinson Fire department is in immediate need of the following equipment and personal protective gear in order to provide safety to our members and allow our members to mitigate these brush fires. As Fire Chief, I am making the following immediate requests as outlined below. I have also talked to Angela (City Finance Director) and she confirmed that these ARPA funds could be utilized for this cause under the regulations. I hope that you still support this immediate action and will leave it up to you both (City Manager, and County Administrator) to figure out the percentage split. I would like to go out to bid ASAP for these items in order to have this equipment by next years' wildfire season. Thank you for all the support to allow my men and women to have a fair fight in this ongoing challenge!

These needs include:

Three new type six brush trucks. \$630,000

- Replace aging brush trucks.
- Modernize fire department wildland fleet
- Increase operator/occupant safety
- Acquire features and functions not available on older apparatus
- Increase reliability/reduce downtime
- Reduce annual operating costs

New wildland personal protective gear. \$100,000

- Replace all existing brush gear that is 10 years and older

Bring existing brush trucks up to current standards to standardize the fleet. \$100,000

- Add bumper nozzles
- Increase water gallons carrying capacity.
- Change out steel beds for aluminum

Replace damage loose tools, equipment, and hoses. \$50,000

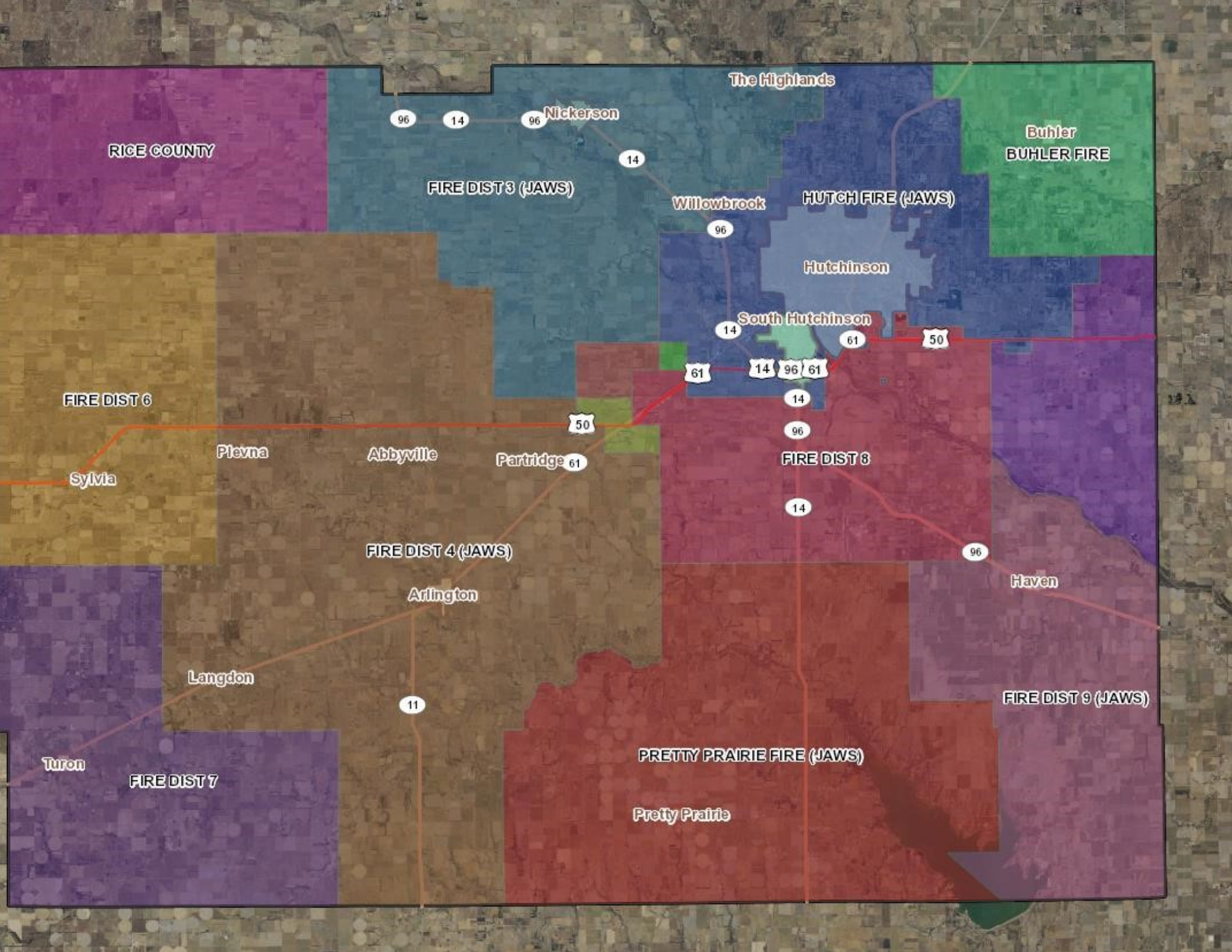
Yours in Safety,

Fire Chief
Steven R. Beer



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RICE COUNTY

The Highlands

Buhler
BUHLER FIRE

FIRE DIST 3 (JAWS)

Willowbrook

HUTCH FIRE (JAWS)

Hutchinson

South Hutchinson

FIRE DIST 6

Sylvia

Plevna

Abbyville

Partridge

FIRE DIST 8

FIRE DIST 4 (JAWS)

Arlington

Langdon

Turon

FIRE DIST 7

Haven

FIRE DIST 9 (JAWS)

PRETTY PRAIRIE FIRE (JAWS)

Pretty Prairie