RESOLUTION 040-2019

CATRON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS’ WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS COMPENSATION FOR TIME SPENT SUPPRESSING WILDFIRES

WHEREAS, one or more Catron County Fire Districts could be summoned to assist in suppression of wildland fires on State and Federal lands within districts or appropriate response areas outside the County or State; and,

WHEREAS, Fire District personnel may qualify for reimbursement from federal or state agencies, and for the purpose of facilitating payment, will be considered casual employees of the County whereby the County will not be responsible for expenditure of its own funds, including any type of benefit or withholding required; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire and EMS Coordinator will ensure that their qualified personnel have background checks, annual driver training classes, and drivers license checks completed; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire and EMS Coordinator will be responsible for submitting wildland fire payment requests per the Crew Fire Time Report (CTRs) with proper signatures, along with copies of Resource Orders to the Catron County Manager for review, who will then submit for payment; and,

WHEREAS, the opinion from the Volunteer Fireman’s Insurance Services (VFIS) that there is no change in insurance coverage for volunteers being paid for their time spent suppressing wildfires within the County; and,

WHEREAS, Catron County recognizes District Volunteer Fire Departments’ wildland fire qualified personnel assigned to equipment on a wildfire incident within the County must meet “Base Wet Reimbursement Rates” or higher, per Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) #1-521-2300-0004 between Catron County and the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), in order to be compensated; and,

WHEREAS, “Wildland Fire Reimbursement Funds” generated through the JPA, be utilized to compensated District Volunteer Fire Departments’ wildland fire qualified personnel at the following current rates, which may be changed from time to time without the necessity of further Resolution:

Crewboss/Engine Boss: $24.56/hr. AD-F
Support Tender Operator: $18.64/hr. AD-C
Firefighter Type 1/Squad Boss $20.48/hr. AD-D
Firefighter/Type 2 $18.64/hr. AD-C

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Catron County that volunteers with the Catron County Fire Departments be compensated from any available funds for any approved wildland fire suppression activities pursuant to the above described plan where eligible.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 044-2013 is hereby repealed.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Catron County, Reserve, New Mexico during its regular secession on the 10th day of January, 2019.

Anita Hand
Commissioner, District I

John Cliff Snyder
Commissioner, District II

Van J. "Bucky" Allred
Commissioner, District III

Attest:

Keith Riddle
Catron County Clerk