

**CITY OF MAXWELL, IOWA
FIRE BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 9:00 AM, MAXWELL CITY HALL**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Higgins at 9:00 am. Attendees: City: Perry Balke, Doug Miller, Dale Higgins, Wendy Crabtree. Indian Creek Township: Mark Reisdorf and Ryan Peters. Chiefs: Tony Ness and Scott Johnson. Guest Steve Gast.
2. Balke moved and Miller seconded approval of the agenda.
4. Gast brought a copy of the 28E agreement between Maxwell and Indian Creek. Mayor Higgins directed clerk to type up a new current agreement to get signed between the trustees. Discussion on allocation of costs between Maxwell Fire Department and Indian Creek Township on fiscal year 2027 EMS & Fire budget. No representative from Washington Creek Township attended the meeting. Discussed line items and how much to assign each for EMS and Fire Departments. Fire chief Tony Ness and EMS chief Scott Johnson were available to discuss needs and wants of Fire and EMS. There was discussion on the amount that could be allocated to Fire and EMS based on each township's tax levy for fiscal year 2027. Discussion and agreement on adding a new line item for LOSAP – Length of Service Award program. Mayor Higgins called a vote on the proposed EMS and fire budget. Ayes: Maxwell and Indian Creek. Absent: Washington Township. Motion carried.
5. Adjournment at 10:27am.