

CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue Board Meeting was held May 18, 2026. The following actions were taken.

1. Approved the transition to new board officers, which will begin at the November meeting.  
Chair: Bruce Moe, Supervisor Candor Township  
Vice Chair: Larry Hoffman, Supervisor Hobart Township  
Secretary: Julie Bruhn Mayor City of Vergas  
Board Member: David Helgerson, Supervisor Dora Township
  
2. Approved moving forward with solar installation on the Fire Hall. Based upon WCI solar analysis estimates the cost at \$100,356 with balance after incentives at \$20,071. ROI projected in 5 years. Fire Board wanted to reserve the right to pull out based upon what the Holsen proposal entails for solar configuration, final cost, and financing plan. One side of the fire hall is shingled and though over 20 years old remains in good shape. This was raised as an issue dependent where the solar panels would be installed and Holsen's assessment. Holsen to evaluate the fire hall on May 27, 2026.
  
3. Approved moving forward with the refurbishing of one of the tanker trucks. A new tanker costs \$500,000. Both Fire Department tankers are over 20 years old. Would refurbish one truck this year and the other next year. Bids were solicited. Quote estimate \$82,000.00 for tanker 1. The Fire Department is contributing \$50,000.00 and remainder would come from the Truck Fund that the city and each township contribute to.
  
4. Bids were obtained to repair the concrete retaining wall that is crumbling and at risk of collapsing toward Hanson's Plumbing and Heating storage building. The work would entail the following:  
Concrete wall removal and lowering parking lot  
Excavation for concrete walls  
Excavation to lower the parking lot to street level  
Installation of footings for new retaining wall  
Installation of new retaining wall  
Installation of steel where existing retaining wall is  
Installation of foam- 4' down and 4' out from building  
Paving of the parking lot with 2 ½" asphalt

Lowest bid accepted at cost of \$48,871.02 with construction this year.

**Recommendation:** City of Vergas and each of the Townships approve and contribute funding based on their percentage of budget. Vergas is 11% entailing a cost of \$5,375.81.

Submitted by;  
/es/Julie Bruhn