



BENTON FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4

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BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4
Board of Commissioners Meeting

Time of Meeting - 3:00pm
October 17, 2017 [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Chairman Johnny Barnette called the public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows: Board members Johnny Barnette, Jerry Bordelon, Jeff Wyatt, and Marvin Myers – All Present, Bob Robinson - Absent. Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Hurmon Gibson, Tim Turner, and Jacob Maddox were also present. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana. The invocation was given by Hurmon Gibson.

MOTION was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to accept the written minutes for the board meeting held on September 19, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to accept the written minutes for the special meeting held on October 3, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Marvin Myers and seconded by Jeff Wyatt to approve the written Financial Reports through October 13, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Chief JT Wallace updated the board on the Civil Service Appeal Hearing for Jonathan Craft as follows. Chief Wallace informed the board that there was not much to update as we are waiting on the courts and he would update the board members with any information when or if that happens. Chief Wallace also informed the board of a case involving another firefighter involved in the incident down south last year during the flooding stating that it is being handled by insurance and they seem confident there will be no findings.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend 2017 budget: Tim Turner talked with Gary McCollister from Agee & Agee and discussed amending the 2017 budget. Mr. McCollister advised to move money from the CD and wait to amend the current budget until later in the year to avoid amending the budget more than one time.

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MOTION was made by Marvin Myers and seconded by Jeff Wyatt to move \$250,000.00 from the CD into the operating account at Red River Bank. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Introduce Proposed 2018 Budget: The proposed 2018 Budget was introduced. The budget will be advertised and posted on the BFD4 website for public viewing. The 2018 Budget will be voted on during the regularly scheduled board meeting in November.

MOTION was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to approve the Internal Personnel Action Forms and Civil Service Personnel Action forms for Shane Ashworth, Christopher Faulk, Matthew Burcham, Thomas Maddox, Jonathan Davis, Robert Gilbert, and Jay Emory. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. *(The PA forms for Tim Turner and Steven Rickert for sick leave were unnecessary, both returned to work before 30 days)*

MOTION was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to reappoint John G Thomas as the college list board member of the BFD4 Civil Service Board. Mr. Thomas term expires December 7, 2017. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Wyatt and Bob Robinson board positions expire at the end of December. Jeff Wyatt stated that he will remain on the board.

Marvin Myers asked about the Fire Hydrants that were discussed in the September meeting. Chief Wallace informed the board that all of the hydrants that were in need of repair were fixed by the city of Bossier. Chief Wallace also stated that the city of Bossier and the Town of Benton would be handling all future repairs on any hydrants that were found to be in need of repair.

MOTION was made by Jeff Wyatt and seconded by Marvin Myers to adjourn. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Tim Turner

Johnny Barnette, Chairman

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