



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MARCH 16, 2021 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING 3:00 PM

Board Secretary, Tim Turner, called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

Board members **PRESENT** –Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine, Sammy Halphen

Board members **ABSENT** – Johnny Barnette, Jason McGinty

Others present for the board meeting were Fire Chief JT Wallace, Tim Turner, and Jacob Maddox. 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 Jay Valentine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

February 23, 2021 BOC Meeting Minutes questions/discussion: -----NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on February 23, 2021. The Secretary called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF MARCH 12, 2021

Questions/Discussion about Financials through March 12, 2021: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve the written Financial Reports as of March 12, 2021. The Secretary called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT – LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Questions/Discussion Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire ---- Chief Turner informed the board that the questionnaire is the same one that we have to fill out every year for the auditor.



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All of the information is the same as the previous year with the exception of the updated board members.

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by SAMMY HALPHIN to approve for the chairman to sign the questionnaire. The Secretary called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MILLAGE RATE

Questions/Discussion about millage rate: ----- Chief Turner informed the board that in the coming months, the district will be renewing the millage rate of 20.00 mills for 2021.

BOND – DISCUSSION ONLY

Questions/Discussion about Bond ---- Chief Wallace informed the board of the need to consider other means such as a bond to obtain additional funds for large purchases in the near future. Chief explained that additional funding will be needed to remodel station 3, purchase equipment such as apparatus, SCBA, and bunker gear. The increasing cost of operations and the retirement system is putting a strain on the operating budget. Chief stated that at this time we will be checking to see what the options are for additional funding and exploring the possibility of obtaining grant funds for some of these purchases. No action from the board is needed at this time.

PA FORMS

Questions/Discussion about PA forms: ----- There are no PA forms at this time

ADJOURNMENT

*Secretary Tim Turner asked the board if any other business or topics needed to be discussed.
----- NONE*

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to adjourn. The Secretary called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.