



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

APRIL 20, 2021 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING 3:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman, Johnny Barnette, called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Jason McGinty, Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine

Board members **ABSENT** – Sammy Halphen

Others present for the board meeting were Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., 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.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Jay Valentine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

March 16, 2021 BOC Meeting Minutes questions/discussion: -----NONE

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on March 16, 2021. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF APRIL 16, 2021

Questions/Discussion about Financials through April 16, 2021: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the written Financial Reports as of April 16, 2021. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE



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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT MILLAGE RATE

- *Board Chairman Johnny Barnette read the following resolution 2021-001 in full during the regular scheduled meeting:*

RESOLUTION 2021-001

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the **2021** tax roll on all property subject to taxation by **Benton Fire District No. 4**.

	MILLAGE
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FUND	20.00 mills
KEY #1026042	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of **Bossier**, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year **2021**, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 4 (Johnny Barnette, Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine, and Jason McGinty)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Sammy Halphin)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on Tuesday April 20, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Bossier City (BFD4), Louisiana, this 20th day of April, 2021

Signed by Johnny Barnette, Board Chairman



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(JOHNNY BARNETTE, BOARD CHAIRMAN)

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve and sign the Affidavit / Resolution 2021-001 after it was read in full by the board chairman. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken (**4 YEAS** --- JOHNNY BARNETTE, STEPHANIE COLLIER, JAY VALENTINE, AND JASON MCGINTY --- **0 NAYS** --- **0 ABSTAINED** --- **1 ABSENT** --- SAMMY HALPHIN) and the motion carried unanimously.

BOND

Questions/Discussion about bond ---- Chief Turner informed the board of the need to obtain additional funds through a bond to pay for the station 3 addition and make necessary purchases such as apparatus, SCBA, computers, cardiac monitors, hydraulic tools, bunker gear, hose, and radio/loose equipment. The board was provided with information about the estimated cost of all of these purchases and a breakdown of the additional cost to tax payers based on the value of the property they own. Chief Turner informed the board that the total cost of all of the equipment and building addition would be approximately \$5,434,000.00. Obtaining an additional 2 mills would generate enough funds to pay for a 15-year bond in that amount. Chief Turner informed the board that around 90% of the total would be used for purchasing apparatus and SCBA. Chief Turner explained that the apparatus fleet is aging and that the current SCBA used by the department are no longer manufactured and will need to be replaced within the next 8 to 10 years. Chief Turner informed the board that Mark Waniewski will attend the May board meeting and explain the bond process. At that meeting the board can make a decision and vote to move forward in regards to obtaining additional funds with a bond.

APPROVE PERSNNEL ACTION FORMS

Questions/Discussion about PA forms: ----- The PA Forms were presented to the board for review during the meeting.

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve and for the chairman to sign the Internal/Civil Service PA forms. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnny Barnette asked the board if any other business or topics needed to be discussed. ----- NONE

MOTION was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to adjourn. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.