

FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONARS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING – 3:00 PM

AGENDA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: 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, Sammy Halphen, Stephanie Collier, and Jason McGinty – Board members ABSENT – Jay Valentine

Others PRESENT – Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson,

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 Hurmon Gibson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

August 17, 2021 BOC Meeting Minutes questions/discussion: -----NONE

MOTION was made by <u>SAMMY HALPHEN</u> and seconded by <u>STEPHANIE</u> <u>COLLIER</u> to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on August 17, 2021. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Questions/Discussion about Financials through September 17, 2021: ---- NONE

MOTION was made by <u>JASON MCGINTY</u> and seconded by <u>SAMMY</u> <u>HALPHEN</u> to approve the written Financial Reports as of September 17, 2021. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION UPDATE

Chief Wallace informed the board that due to the hurricane; the date of the election has been postponed until December. The board will be updated when the exact date is determined.

NEW BUSINESS

HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY

Adjusting the current pay scale due to the covid response during the last year was discussed by the board. The adjustment would increase the base pay of starting firefighters/current firefighters wages by four percent.

MOTION was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by STEPHANIE <u>COLLIER</u> to approve a pay scale adjustment of four percent to the current pay scale(s). The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

DECLARE SALVAGE

The board was provided with a list of items that are broken or no longer serviceable to be declared salvage and removed from BFD4 inventory.

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTIY to declare the items listed as salvage and remove them from BFD4 inventory. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PA FORMS

Chief Turner informed the board that the Civil Service PA form was for Corey Tuminello to end the working test period and be classified as permanent fire captain. The PA form was presented for board members to review.

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve and for the chairman to sign the personnel action form. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION was made by <u>SAMMY HALPHEN</u> and seconded by <u>STEPHANIE</u> <u>COLLIER</u> to adjourn. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.