



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

**BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES**

**TIME OF HEARING – 3:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Barnette called the advertised public HEARING of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

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

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** – Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, Daven Lazenby, Russel Biggs, and Mark Waniewski

The PUBLIC HEARING 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

**DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET**

*Chief Turner informed the board that the proposed 2022 budget is the same budget introduced in the October BOC meeting and approved for advertisement in the November BOC meeting. (Board members had no questions regarding the proposed 2022 budget)*

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET**

*There were no members from the public present.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to adjourn from the public hearing. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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**PUBLIC MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2021 MINUTES**

**TIME OF MEETING – IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING ADJORNMENT OF THE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman 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, Sammy Halphen, Stephanie Collier, and Jay Valentine

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** – Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, Daven Lazenby, Russel Biggs, and Mark Waniewski

The **PUBLIC 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 Johnny Barnette

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**MOTION** was made by **STEPHANIE COLLIER** and seconded by **SAMMY HALPHEN** to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on November 16, 2021. The chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2021

*Questions/Discussion about Financials through December 10, 2021: ---- NONE*

**MOTION** was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the written Financial Reports as of December 10, 2021. The chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – AMEND 2021 BUDGET

*A copy of the current 2021 budget and a list of the proposed amendments were included in the board packet for review. Chief Turner informed the board that some of the expenditures listed may not occur until after the end of the year and it may be necessary to amend the 2021 budget again in the January 2022 board meeting.*

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to adopt resolution 2021-008 relating to the approval to amend the 2021 Operating budget for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – ADOPT 2022 BUDGET

*A copy of the proposed 2022 budget was provided in the board packet for board members to review. Chief Turner informed the board that the proposed 2022 budget is the same budget that has been posted for public review for the previous month.*

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to adopt resolution 2021-007 relating to the adoption of the 2022 operating budget for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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### RESOLUTION – OPIOID CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

*Mark Waniewski informed the board that the district is one of three entities in the parish that participated in the opioid class action suit. Chairman Barnette asked if awarded, how much of the funds the parish would receive. Mark Waniewski stated that the entities that were listed in the suit would receive all of the funds, other entities in the parish could not opt in. He stated that any funds awarded as a result of the settlement must be used for opioid related expenses. He informed the board that the district could be paid for any opioid related costs from the previous 10 years. He then explained that the resolution was to authorize Chief Wallace as signatory to execute the memorandum of understanding for the national prescription opiate litigation.*

**MOTION** was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve resolution 2021-011 relating to authorizing the fire chief to execute memorandum of understanding for the national prescription opiate litigation. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

### RESOLUTION – 2022 BOC MEETING DATES

*Chief Turner informed the board that the following resolution is to approve the 2022 BOC meeting dates: January 18 – February 15 – March 15 – April 19 – May 17 – June 21 – July 19 – August 16 – September 20 – October – 18 – November 15 – December 13*

**MOTION** was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve resolution 2021-012 relating to the approval of the 2022 BOC regular meeting schedule for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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RESOLUTION – LWCC INSURANCE

*Chief Turner informed the board that the resolution is for the renewal of the LWCC insurance.*

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve resolution 2021-010 relating to the approval of the workers compensation insurance for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, CASUALTY AND AUTOMOTIVE INSURANCE

*Chief Turner informed the board that the resolution is for the renewal of the property, casualty/automotive insurance.*

**MOTION** was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve resolution 2021-009 relating to the approval of the commercial property, casualty and automotive insurance for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION – BPPJ BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

*Chief Turner informed the board that the resolution is for ratification of the BOC appointees made by BPPJ.*

**MOTION** was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve resolution 2021-013 relating to the ratification of board of commissioner appointees for BFD4. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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RESOLUTION – UPDATE SIGNATORIES FOR FNBB & RRB

*Chief Turner informed the board that the resolution is a housekeeping resolution to update the signatories for FNBB and RRB to only include Fire Chief JT Wallace Jr., Stephanie Collier, and Johnny Barnette.*

**MOTION** was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve resolution 2021-014 relating to the approval of financial institution signature authority for BFD4. 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 / Internal PA forms are for annual wage increases. Copies of all PA forms were presented to board members for review.*

**MOTION** was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve and for the chairman to sign the personnel action forms. The chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

*The chairman asked the board if any other business or topics needed to be discussed. ----- NONE*

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