



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING – 3:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Barnette called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Chief 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, and Hurmon Gibson

The public meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, located at 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Jay Valentine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2022 BOC MEETING

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on January 18, 2022. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Questions/Discussion about Financials through December 31, 2021: ---- NONE

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to approve of the financials for the year ending December 31, 2021. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously



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APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Questions/Discussion about Financials through February 11, 2022: ---- NONE

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the financials as of February 11, 2022. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 BUDGET (ITEMS NOT YET BILLED/RECEIVED FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021)

Chief Turner informed the board that the budget items purchased in 2021 but not yet received have been documented and the auditor will review when the audit is conducted.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Chief Turner informed the board that Benefit Consulting is currently working on getting additional quotes for health insurance from other providers.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Chief Turner informed the board that the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office has been contacted and a request for a packet to recognize the newly formed Fire Prevention Bureau has been requested.



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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – 2022-004 – PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TREE MILLION DOLLARS OF LIMITED TAX BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-004

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Limited Tax Bonds of Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Included with Resolution No. 2022-004 is an engagement letter relating to the role that Foley & Judell will serve and the legal services they will provide as bond counsel to Benton Fire District No. 4 in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds.

OFFER was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to adopt resolution 2022-004 relating to giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 of Limited Tax Bonds of Benton Fire District No. 4; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds. Chairman Barnette called for public comment. There being none, a vote was taken – **5 YEAS: Sammy Halphen, Jason McGinty, Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine, and Johnny Barnette.** 0 Nays, 0 Abstained, and 0 absent. The motion carried unanimously.



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RESOLUTION 2022-005 – ADOPT MILLAGE(S) RATE(S)

- *Chief Turner read the following resolution 2022-005 in full during the regular scheduled meeting:*

RESOLUTION No. 2022-005

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Benton Fire District No. 4 of the Parish of Bossier, State of Louisiana:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Maintenance	20 mills
Maintenance	2 mills

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 2022, 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: **5** Sammy Halphen, Jason McGinty, Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine, Johnny Barnette

NAYS: **0**

ABSTAINED: **0**

ABSENT: **0**

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on February 15, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Bossier City, Louisiana, this 15th day of February, 2022.

/S/ JOHNNY BARNETTE
(Board Chairman)



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MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve and sign the Affidavit / Resolution 2022-005 after it was read in full during the meeting by Chief Turner. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken (5 YEAS --- JOHNNY BARNETTE, STEPHANIE COLLIER, JAY VALENTINE, SAMMY HALPHIN, AND JASON MCGINTY --- 0 NAYS --- 0 ABSTAINED --- 0 ABSENT) and the motion carried unanimously.

STATION 4 – LEASE OF MINERAL RIGHTS

Chief Wallace informed the board that the district was contacted by a land management agency regarding the potential lease of mineral rights. Chief stated that at this time there are no details but he wanted to make the board aware that there is a possibility of entering a lease agreement with board approval for the land associated with station 4.

ADJOURNMENT

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