



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2024 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:

NOTE: The Town of Benton has appointed Gerald Huddleston to serve as a Benton Fire District 4 board member to fill the vacated board position due to the resignation of Jason McGinty. Mr. Huddleston took the oath of office prior to conducting any BFD4 business.

ROLL CALL: Board members **PRESENT** – Stephanie Collier, Kenneth Ashley, Sammy Halphen, Gerald Huddleston, and Johnny Barnette

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** – Chief Wallace, Tim Turner, Hurmon Gibson, Jacob Maddox, Chris Faulk, and Yvonne Aldrich

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: Johnny Barnette

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 16, 2024 BOC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC public meeting minutes held on April 16, 2024---None

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to accept and approve the written minutes for the BOC public meeting held on April 16, 2024. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS AS OF MAY 17, 2024

Questions/Discussion about Financials as of May 17, 2024: ---- None

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve of the financials as of May 17, 2024. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: APPARATUS PURCHASE

Chief Wallace informed the board that the district would approve the color scheme for the apparatus around June 17th. Once approved, the apparatus should be delivered within a few weeks. Chief informed the board that the equipment needed for the apparatus has already been ordered and the majority of the equipment has already been delivered.

UPDATE: STATION 3 BUILDING PROJECT

Chief Wallace informed the board that the awning connecting station 3 and the mechanic bay is now complete.

UPDATE: TAX MILLAGE

Chief Turner informed the board that the Tax Assessors office is still in the process of reassessment. Scott Stephens stated that they should get the updated numbers shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BOARD MEMBER / OATH OF OFFICE

Moved to first order of business after the meeting was called to order, prior to the conduction of any BFD4 business.



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CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PERSONNEL ACTION FORM(S)

Civil Service/Internal PA Form(s) were presented to all board members for review. There was one PA form for a certification pay increase.

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve the Internal/Civil Service PA forms. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Chairman Barnette expressed his gratitude and thanked Jay Valentine and Jason McGinty for the time they dedicated while serving as members of the Benton Fire District 4 board of commissioners.

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