



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16, 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:

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

Board members **ABSENT** – Sammy Halphen

Others **PRESENT** – Tim Turner, Hurmon Gibson, Chris Faulk, Jacob Maddox, and Vickie Case from Cook & Morehart

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

AUDIT (MOVED TO 1st ORDER OF BUSINESS)

Vickie Case from Cook & Morehart presented the results of the Benton Fire District 4 audit. She reported that the audit was favorable and there were no findings. She presented the financial information from the audit to board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2024 BOC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC public meeting minutes held on June 18, 2024---None

MOTION was made by **STEPHANIE COLLIER** and seconded by **GERALD HUDDLESTON** to accept and approve the written minutes for the BOC public meeting held on June 18, 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 JULY 12, 2024

Questions/Discussion about Financials as of July 12, 2024: ---- None

MOTION was made by GERALD HUDDLESTON and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve of the financials as of July 12, 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 both apparatuses have been delivered and he expects them to be in service by the end of the week.

UPDATE: TAX MILLAGE

Chief Turner informed the board that the district has received the reassessment values from the Tax Assessors office. Property values in the district increased so the required millage needed to receive the same revenue that the district received this year has dropped. The district would like to roll forward to receive an increase in millage tax revenue. The increased revenue would primarily be used for building projects, purchasing equipment, and hiring additional firefighters to increase staffing levels on each shift.

Chief Turner informed the board that due to advertising requirements and the time frame that the tax assessors office has for setting millages, the September 17th board meeting would need to be moved to September 5th. On September 5, 2024 a public hearing would be held at 3PM, following adjournment of the hearing, a public meeting will be held to adopt millage rates.



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NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT (MOVED TO 1ST ORDER OF BUSINESS)

CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PERSONNEL ACTION FORM(S)

Civil Service/Internal PA Form(s) were presented to all board members for review. Internal Personell Action forms for certification pay increase included Yvonne Aldrich, Matthew Branch, John Cassel, George McLemore, Corey Tuminello, and Koy Collier. There were 3 Civil Service Personell Action Forms for extended sick leave.

MOTION was made by GERALD HUDDLESTON and seconded by KENNITH ASHLEY 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

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