



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MAY 19, 2020 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING 3:00 PM

Due to COVID 19 restrictions – In accordance with Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-30 issued by the Attorney General on March 19, 2020; Benton Fire District 4 will provide for attendance for the April 21, 2020 board meeting via telephone conference in order to obtain a quorum of its members.

Board Chairman, Johnny Barnette, called the regular scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Jay Valentine, Stephanie Collier, and Jason McGinty

Board members **ABSENT** – John Whittington

Others present for the board meeting were Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, and Mark Waniewski. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana. The invocation was given by Jay Valentine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 21, 2020 BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2020 BOC Minutes questions/discussion: -----NONE

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JAY VALENTINE to accept the written minutes for the board meeting held on April 21, 2020. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF MAY 15, 2020

Questions/Discussion about Financials through May 15 2020: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the written Financial Reports as of May 15, 2020. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

STORM DAMAGE/STATION AND VEHICLE REPAIRS

Questions/Discussion about storm damage/repairs: Tim Turner informed the board that we are still working on getting the stations repaired. The board was informed of additional damage caused by the hail storm on April 24th to 4 department vehicles.



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NEW BUSINESS

SENATE BILL 245

Questions/Discussion Senate Bill 245: Mark Waniewski informed the board of the senate bill 245 proposal. He stated that if passed, it would limit the amount of funds that emergency services and others would receive from millage taxes by limiting the amount of funds that may be rolled forward each year. He stated that preparations to the budget should be made in the event of passage

DISCUSS INTEREST RATES FOR LOAN

Questions/Discussion about loan(s): Tim Turner informed the board that the district may look into borrowing money for the addition to station 3 because of the extremely low interest rates at this time. Chief Wallace is not present at the meeting, the topic of borrowing money will be discussed in a future meeting.

STATION 3 REMODEL

Questions/Discussion about station 3 remodel: Tim Turner informed the board that the remodeling of station 3 would be discussed in a future meeting; provided in the board packet is the estimate for the cost of the remodel (Approximately \$630,000.00). No further action on the remodel will take place until approved by the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnny Barnette asked the board if any other business or topics needed to be discussed.

Chairman Barnette called for a motion to adjourn.

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