



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JUNE 16, 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 Chief Wallace. 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 Johnny Barnette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 19, 2020 BOARD MEETING

MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2020. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF JUNE 12, 2020

Questions/Discussion about Financials through June 12, 2020: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve the written Financial Reports as of June 12, 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 the district has received the estimates for the cost of repairs on the fire stations and vehicles damaged by the storm in April. A copy of the estimates is provided in the board packet



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BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Questions/Discussion about board member appointments: Chief Wallace informed the board that Sammy Halphen will be recommended by the Bossier Parish Police Jury to serve as a board member in the place of John Whittington.

NEW HIRE

Questions/Discussion about new hire: Chief Turner informed the board that the process of hiring a new firefighter has begun. The new firefighter has completed his physical and should start working within the next week.

NEW BUSINESS

TAX MILLAGE

Questions/Discussion about Tax Millage: Chief Turner informed the board that at this time the district cannot adopt/roll forward the millage tax until the tax assessor can provide estimates of property values in the district. When the district received the values we can then roll forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

- *Chairman Barnette asked about Senate bill 245 that was discussed in the previous board meeting. Chief Turner informed the board that the bill did not pass.*
- *Chief Wallace stated that the lease for the training facility located on Old Plain Dealing Road expired. Renewal of the lease is on the agenda for the next Bossier Parish Police Jury meeting.*

Chairman Johnny Barnette called for a motion to adjourn.

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