



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2020 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF MEETING 3:00 PM

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, Stephanie Collier, Jason McGinty

Board members **ABSENT** – Jay Valentine

Others present for the board meeting were Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Chief Wallace, and Sammy Halphen. 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 JUNE 16, 2020 BOARD MEETING

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

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF AUGUST 14, 2020

Questions/Discussion about Financials through August 14, 2020: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the written Financial Reports as of August 14, 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: Chief Wallace informed the board that all of the vehicles and buildings that were damaged in the hail storm have been repaired.



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NEW BUSINESS

TAX MILLAGE (ROLL FORWARD)

Questions/Discussion about Tax Millage (Roll forward): Chief Turner informed the board that the taxable property value increased by approximately 2.5 million dollars after the reassessment. The adjusted maximum millage is 19.72. Chief Turner informed the board that the 19.72 millage rate would bring in the same revenue received in 2020. Rolling forward to 20 mills would increase revenues by approximately \$51,000.00. Chief Turner informed the board that the district would need to advertise the roll forward. The roll forward will occur in the regularly scheduled board meeting in October.

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the advertisement of the roll forward. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Questions/Discussion about board member appointments:

Chairman Barnette stated that Sammy Halphen has been appointed to the board by the Bossier Parish Police Jury. Sammy Halphen will replace John Whittington as the BPPJ appointment.

- *Sammy Halphen – Oath of Office*

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

- *Johnny Barnette – Oath of Office*

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Johnny Barnette asked the board if any other business or topics needed to be discussed. ----- NONE

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