



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 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, Jason McGinty, Sammy Halphen

Board members **ABSENT** – Stephanie Collier, Jay Valentine

Others present for the board meeting were Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, and Hurmon Gibson. 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 FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

*October 20, 2020 BOC Public Hearing/Meeting Minute questions/discussion: -----
NONE*

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to accept the written minutes for the meeting held on October 20, 2020. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Questions/Discussion about Financials through November 13, 2020: ----- NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to approve the written Financial Reports as of November 13, 2020. The Chairman called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON FIRE RECOVERY PAYMENTS

Questions/Discussion about Fire Recovery Payments: The board was provided a printout of all billed incidents for 2020. Jacob Maddox provided information on the payments received and billed incidents that we expect to receive payments for during the remainder of the year. He explained that one of the main reasons for nonpayment is lack of data collection at the time of



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the incident and that in the future we could receive more payments if the proper data is collected before leaving the scene. Jason McGinty asked if obtaining police reports on incidents that lack the proper data would make a difference. Jacob Maddox stated that it may be possible that the police reports would contain the necessary information to complete the billing process. He stated that we would work toward developing a process to obtain police reports to use for billing purposes as well as providing more training to the firefighters on data collection.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Questions/Discussion about 2020 Budget Amendments ---- The board was provided a copy of the potential amendments to the 2020 Budget. Tim Turner informed the board that amendment of the 2020 budget will occur in the December 15, 2020 board meeting. He stated that the proposed amendments listed on the handout are estimates and they may change before the next meeting.

INTRODUCE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

Questions/Discussion about 2021 Proposed Budget: The 2021 Proposed Budget was briefly discussed during the October 20, 2020 board meeting. The board was provided a hard copy of the proposed 2021 Budget with each account/amount listed.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

MOTION was made by JASON MCGINTY and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve the advertisement of the Public Hearing/Proposed 2021 Budget. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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