



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC MEETING

MAY 16, 2023 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** – Johnny Barnette, Sammy Halphen, Jason McGinty, Stephanie Collier and Jay Valentine

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** – Chief Wallace, Tim Turner, and Jacob Maddox

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: The invocation was given by Jay Valentine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2023 BOC PUBLIC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC public meeting minutes held on April 18, 2023---None

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to accept and approve the written minutes for the BOC public meeting held on April 18, 2023. 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 MAY 12, 2023

Questions/Discussion about Financials through May 12, 2023: ---- None

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve of the financials through May 12, 2023. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE: STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION

Chief Wallace reported that there may be a delay in the delivery of some electrical materials needed to complete station 3. The contractors will put in temporary electrical materials to keep work on track so construction can be completed sometime in July.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERATOR FOR NEW BUILDING

Chief Wallace informed the board that the district will begin looking into the cost of installing a generator for station 3. The cost of the generator was removed from the bid to cut cost, the district can install it much cheaper than the contractor can.

STATION 4 WATER WELL

Chief Wallace informed the board that station 4 has no water supply at this time. In the past, the district shared a well with the land owner next to the station. Chief stated that the district needed to drill a well to supply the station with water. Chief estimated the cost of drilling the well to be around \$5,000.00. Chief stated that the district will get several quotes before any work is done.

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve obtaining quotes and installing a water well at station 4. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously



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UPDATE SIGNATORIES FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BENTON

Chief Turner stated that FNBB is under new ownership (Home Federal Bank) and updated signatory information has been requested. Chairman Barnette called for a motion to update the signatories to reflect Johnny Barnette, Chief Wallace, and Stephanie Collier as authorized signatories.

MOTION was made by JAY VALENTINE and seconded by JASON MCGINTY to update the authorized signatories for FNBB operating account (Now Home Federal Bank) to include Stephanie Collier, Johnny Barnette, and Chief JT Wallace Jr. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

CIVIL SERVICE/INTERNAL PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

The board was presented with civil service/internal PA forms regarding the termination of extended sick leave for Shane Ashworth and Yvonne Aldrich.

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve the Civil Service/Internal PA forms. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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