



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

PUBLIC HEARING

BENTON FIRE DISTRICT 4

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2024 BOC MINUTES

TIME OF HEARING 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman, Johnny Barnette, called a **PUBLIC HEARING** of the BFD4 Board of the Commissioners to order to discuss the 2025 Proposed Budget and 2024 Budget Amendments. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

ROLL CALL:

Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Sammy Halphen, Stephanie Collier, Gerald Huddleston, and Kenneth Ashley

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** - Chief Wallace, Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, and Scott Monceaux.

The **PUBLIC HEARING** was held in the Board Room of the Bossier Parish EMS and Fire Complex, 5275 Swan Lake Road, Bossier City, Louisiana.

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairman Johnny Barnette asked the board members/public for any questions/comments in regards to the 2025 Proposed Budget. No members of the public had any questions or comments, and there being no questions or comments from the board Chairman Barnette closed the discussion.

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chairman Johnny Barnette asked the board members/public for any questions/comments in regards to the 2024 Budget Amendments. No members of the public had any questions or comments, and there being no questions or comments from the board, Chairman Barnette closed the discussion and called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

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



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PUBLIC MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Immediately following the public hearing, Board Chairman Johnny Barnette, called the regular scheduled **PUBLIC MEETING** of the Board of Commissioners to order. Tim Turner called roll as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board members **PRESENT** – Johnny Barnette, Sammy Halphen, Stephanie Collier, Gerald Huddleston, and Kenneth Ashley

Board members **ABSENT** – NONE

Others **PRESENT** - Chief Wallace, Tim Turner, Jacob Maddox, Hurmon Gibson, and Scott Monceaux.

The **PUBLIC HEARING** 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 Hurmon Gibson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2024 BOC MEETING

Questions/Discussion about BOC public meeting minutes held on October 15, 2024---None

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by GERALD HUDDLESTON to accept the written minutes for the board meeting held on October 15, 2024. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Questions/Discussion about financials as of November 15, 2024---None

MOTION was made by GERALD HUDDLESTON and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve financials as of November 15, 2024. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.



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NEW BUSINESS

STATION 2 CONCRETE FOUNDATION EMERGENCY REPAIR

Chief Wallace described the condition of the concrete foundation at Station 2 located on Parks Road. The severe drought conditions earlier in the year caused the building to settle and an approximate 1.5” separation formed between the building and the exterior wall. A quote was received from RamJack to raise the section of the building and repair the foundation which was around \$10,000. Chairman Barnette asked if there was a need for inspection of the rest of the foundation, and Chief Wallace advised that it was already done. Chief Wallace also stated that there would not be a need to replace any of the concrete foundation. After discussion concluded, Chairman Barnette called for a motion to approve the emergency repair.

MOTION was made by GERALD HUDDLESTON and seconded by STEPHANIE COLLIER to approve the emergency repair for the Station 2 concrete foundation.

Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE/ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-004 TO AMEND THE 2024 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2024-004 was read and floor was opened for Questions/Discussion - NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by GERALD HUDDLESTON to adopt Resolution 2024-004 to amend the 2024 budget. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE/ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-005 TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2024-005 was read and floor was opened for Questions/Discussion - NONE

MOTION was made by GERALD HUDDLESTON and seconded by SAMMY HALPHEN to approve Resolution 2024-005 to adopt the proposed 2025 budget. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE/ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-004 TO AMEND THE 2024 BUDGET

Civil Service/Internal Personnel Actions Forms were presented and floor was opened for Questions/Discussion - NONE

MOTION was made by SAMMY HALPHEN and seconded by GERALD HUDDLESTON to authorize the Chairman to sign the Civil Service/Internal Personnel Action Forms. Chairman Barnette called for public comment; there being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by STEPHANIE COLLIER and seconded by GERALD HUDDLESTON to adjourn from the PUBLIC MEETING. The Chairman called for public comment. There being none, vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.