

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
April 16th, 2014
Station 891**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Cecil Lanier
Commissioner John Harris
Commissioner Thomas Peeples

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:10.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda as written.
Commissioner Peeples seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Lanier motioned to accept the February 5th, 2014 minutes
Commissioner Harris seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Peeples motioned to accept the January, February & March 2014 financial statements with the option to revisit if any questions arise.
Commissioner Lanier seconded.
Motion approved.

Budget - Fiscal Year 2015

This year's budget proposal has a \$110,879 total increase from last year's budget. That includes:

- \$33,702 in personnel costs with just standard promotions and longevity.
- Using the exact same plan and not making any changes, the medical was increased by \$52,000 with the biggest factor being the Affordable Healthcare taxes and fees. We are looking at other options so this is the worst case scenario. We will have a better idea once we get closer to the renewal date.
- \$1,000 increase for property and casualty insurance.
- \$7,000 increase for internet & cable. (Hargray honored our prices from charter for one year and that year was up half way through our current budget cycle.)

The county has estimated our mil value to be \$66,949 with a millage rate of 60.18 and debt millage rate of 5.74.

Total Operations Proposed Budget of \$4,779,051.

Projected to collect \$4,029,051 by taxation.

\$375,000 contract money from City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal

We are looking at a shortfall of \$375,000 shortfall which would come from fund balance if needed.

Proposed Capital Improvements purchases:

- 10 Air packs \$65,000
- 40 Masks \$13,400
- 20 sets of turnouts and boots \$50,000
- 2 Thermal imaging cameras (replacing 2 bought in 2001) \$24,000

\$152,400 total requesting from fund balance.

2015 Pumper

We have not gone to bid yet but we are getting the specs ready. For now we are using a rough estimate of \$600,000. We paid off two loans this year totaling an annual payment of \$38,000.

We would be looking at requesting \$120,000 from the general fund, \$100,000 from debt service and \$80,000 from impact fees for a down payment. We will finance the rest which would be roughly \$300,000 with a \$50,000 estimated annual payment. Doing this would not cause a raise in taxes. (All of these are just estimates, we do not have any quotes/bids at this time.)

Commissioner Harris motioned to allow Chief Rountree to present the budget to County Council as drafted.

Commissioner Lanier seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Chiefs Report

Printout included in Commission packet.

Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:45