Burton Fire District Commissioners Meeting Presentations February 24th, 2022 Station 81 - 1800

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright

Chief Rountree

Commissioner Stan Ganshow Commissioner Thomas Peeples Commissioner Herbert Burnes Commissioner Madison Chisum

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:08.

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Motion approved.

Hargray/Cable 1 Presentation

Alex with Cable 1 attended the meeting to ask permission from the Commission to place a Fiber Network Hut on the back right corner of the property on Burton Hill Rd. Our location has been identified as a beneficial location for one of these huts which help expand and improve the growing fiber services in Beaufort County. The hut would be a 12 x 20 building on a concrete slab. The entire process would take roughly 30-60 days with no interruptions to our services. In exchange for use of property – Hargray has offered to mitigate the cable and internet fees for the fire station at 36 Burton Hill Rd., as well as increase the service. The offer would officially be drawn up in a legal/service agreement if the Commission chooses to accept the proposal.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Chisum motioned to allow Chief Rountree to receive an official MSA, drawn up by Cable 1, to include the benefits mentioned as well as adding cable to the Pinewood station (the only station currently without cable tv services). Once Chief Rountree receives the proposal, it should go to the District's Attorney for further review.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Alex stated it should take about two weeks to get the paperwork drawn up.

Audit

Lisa Weschler with Crowley Weschler & Associates presented the Fire District's fiscal year 2021 financial audit.

As of June 30th, 2021 all of the funds total \$1,186,998.

Page 16 – A new page in the report, reflects the firefighters' one percent retirement fund. A separate retirement funded only by one percent funds received on an annual basis. If the funds

allow, the department makes a contribution, divided equally to eligible members, once a year. This balance will increase or decrease based on gains, losses, contributions and distributions.

Page 25 – payoff schedule for current notes.

Fiscal year 21 projections for collections were \$5,194,996. The county collected \$5,494,177 on our behalf.

Page 37 – Actual budget reflects we underspent our by \$91,704.

After full review and no further discussions – Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the fiscal year 2021 audit presentation as presented.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

A copy will be sent to the County to post online.

Minutes

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the January 27th, 2022 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Old Business

none

New Business

none

Chief's Report

Provided in packet.

The roof at pinewood should be finished this week.

Capt. Davidson announced he will be retiring from our department. We will promote a Captain within the department.

Firefighter Siegner is resigning. This gives us three open positions within the department. (the 3rd being Levesque's position after moving from shift to staff through the COAP grant)

<u>Adjournment</u>

Commissioner Chisum motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:20.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: March 30th, 2022