

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting – Audit
March 27th, 2024
Station 81 – 1200**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Madison Chisum
Commissioner Stanley Ganshow
Commissioner Thomas Peeples

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 11:56

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Peeples seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Peeples motioned to accept the January 31st, 2024 meeting minutes.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the January & February 2024 financials.
Commissioner Bright seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion Approved.

Executive Session

No need for an executive session.

Old Business

K9 – Chief Kenyon is in his last week at k9 arson school. He will be back in town next week with “Buzz”. The K9 line item will be added back in to the budget for FY25.

Painting – The painting at station 81 & 83 have been completed. Station 85 is still in line to be done within this budget year.

Pumper in production – New Eng 85 is projected to be ready for pick up May 2026. To date we have made \$300,000 total in downpayments. We have a note maturing Jan. 2025 and will secure a new loan for the remaining balance.

Tables – The table for 81 has been ordered and should be delivered in about a month.

Eng. 83 compartment floor cracking - The repairs have not been made yet and we have not been given a date to bring it to Summerville. Repairs will still be covered under warranty.

End of the year projects –

Doors – The back bay doors at station 81 are being quoted for replacement.

Concrete – The back pad at 81 is in desperate need for repair. The best quote so far for a 6” slab with rebar landed around \$30k.

Metal Building – Chief Webb is working on pricing for a metal building out back at 81 to replace the mobile home that is in bad shape as well as the metal carport and storage shed.

By next meeting we hope to have exact quotes for the above projects and will ask for approval from the commission to move forward.

New Business

New pumper – Chief Rountree would like to secure a place in line for another new/replacement pumper. He was informed after meeting with Pierce that production time on new apparatus is now between 45.5-48.5 months. Under the HGAC contract the quote for a truck 4 years out (built using the same specs as our current in-production truck) is \$1,123,106. This quote is good until April 30th. Item number 5 on the presented contract states that pierce will accept up to 5% of any increase that may occur.

Chief would like the commission to consider securing the contract when we meet for budget in April, with the mentality of making downpayments over the next few budget cycles to draw down the loan amount needed.

Budget – We do not have mil values or CPI numbers from county finance yet. They are asking for our budget by April 12th and they hope to have the numbers we need by the first week of April. Chief would like to meet April 10th to get a Commission approved budget (planning to present a flat budget as a budget with 3 new firefighters and a cola).

So far based on GL reports from Beaufort County, through February, they have collected \$6.3 million on our behalf for this Fiscal year. We anticipate based on previous years, we will collect the full amount we have budgeted.

Chief's Report

- We will begin converting the engine iPads from Verizon to FirstNet/AT&T. They are a first responder program that serves customers with first priority during disasters.
- We are wrapping the admin vehicles one at a time. One Tahoe has been done and looks great. Next in line is the Batt. Chief vehicle.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for: April 10th, 2024.