

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting
December 3rd, 2025
Station 82 – 1200**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Madison Chisum
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner Thomas Peeples

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb
Fred Kuhn Jr., Esq

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 12:15

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the July 30th, 2025 minutes.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the July, August, September & October 2025 reconciliation reports.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Executive Session

Commissioner Peeples motioned to enter in to executive session for an update on a pending legal matter.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Entered at 12:18pm.
Commissioner Chisum motioned to enter back into regular session at 12:43pm.
Commissioner Burnes seconded.
No action taken or required on the pending legal matter.

Old Business

2026 Pumper – Chief Rountree and the truck committee attended the pre-construction conference in October. We are waiting on the final costs of the changes made. Funding will come from the pre-payment discounts we have on the account. Any remaining funds will be applied to loose equipment purchases. One major change was the 24ft ladder is being replaced with a 35ft ground ladder.

Bryx- The system is almost 100% operable. Some tweaks are still being made.

Tax Collections – We are four months in and through the end of October collections were up about \$100k from the same time last year. Collections appear to be on target.

Maintenance update - Ralph is doing well and Nick is doing a great job running the shop on his own.

Advanced EMT – We have an in house class starting in January with 8-9 of our own firefighters who have the desire to become an Advanced EMT.

Santa – We are in our 31st year of ushering Santa around the Burton Fire District on the fire engine. Santa started his tour on Friday, the 28th and should finish up mid-December.

Personnel- FF Bennet's spot was filled by FF Williams. ENG. Brendlen was rehired and filled the spot of FF Davidson. ENG Millinder resigned and was replaced by FF Kruysman. ENG Cody took a position elsewhere but returned to full time after a few weeks. FF Siggins resigned to be closer to home. His spot will be filled by FF Garrison who will attend the January recruit school at the academy.

FF Calandra has joined the Army Reserves and is in basic training. He graduates this month. His position is held for him when he returns.

New Business

Dash Cameras – We have converted our cameras to First Net and included the admin vehicles. Cameras are being installed this week. The annual cost will be around \$7,000. Samsara was costing \$5,000 and only included cameras on the 5 first due engines.

Station 85 – The alarm system at station 85 needs to be replaced. The circuit board has gone bad and replacements are obsolete since the system is from 2001. Deputy Chief Webb contacted 3 companies, 2 showed up and only 1 issued us a quote. The quote is for \$17,400 and is to replace everything in the entire station; alarm, fire and security. Chief is looking to replace using carried forward funds since this is an unbudgeted expense. There will be no monthly fee for the system.

Commissioner Chisum motioned to approve the project, not to exceed the amount of the quote.

Commissioner Burnes accepted.

Vote unanimous.

Motion approved.

County FD Study – The county fire chiefs are meeting with John Robinson to discuss and evaluate what it would take to consolidate some of the fire departments within the county.

Next pumper – Chief Rountree is expecting a quote later today for the next potential pumper with an amount of \$1,244,044. The quote is good for 60 days for the and will be discussed more in detail at the January meeting.

Chief's Report

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Chisum motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Next meeting – January 28th, 2026