

**Burton Fire District  
Commission Meeting  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Station 82 – 1200**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Gary Bright  
Commissioner Madison Chisum  
Commissioner Herbert Burnes  
Commissioner Thomas Peeples  
Commissioner Stanley Ganshow

Chief Rountree  
Asst. Chief Still  
Asst. Chief Kenyon  
Lisa Weschler, CPA, CFE

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 12:08

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 minutes after typo is corrected.  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Vote was unanimous.  
Motion approved.

**Financials**

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the November and December 2025 reconciliation reports.  
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.  
Vote was unanimous.  
Motion approved.

**Audit**

Lisa Weschler with Crowley, Weschler & Associates was in attendance to present the FY 2025 Financial Report the highlights being:

- Pg. 15 – shows the total revenue being \$8,092,156. Including all funds, grants & misc income (reimbursements).
  - Overall, the district had an increase of \$314,351 after expenditures.
- Pg. 13 – states the balances as of 6/30/2025.
  - Gen Fund – 2,234,921
  - Debt – 595,602
  - Impact - \$538,643
  - One Percent – 84,959
- Pg. 14 – Is the net position statement. New this year, compensated absences required an inclusion of a portion of sick leave balances. Or leave that is earned that might get taken at a later date.
- Pg. 40 – Budget vs. Actual report.
  - Revenues had a positive variance of \$328,513
  - Expenditures were under budget \$17,533.
  - These two variances resulted in the \$346,048 increase in the fund balance.

Mrs. Weschler reported that the mil value from the tax year 2023 compared to 2024 was up about 4.8%.

- Pg. 44 – Debt service collected was \$56,828 more than what was spent. We used an approved 100K towards the down payment of a pumper which is why there was a decrease of \$41,575 overall.

Commissioner Chisum made a motion to accept the Financial Report for fiscal year 2025 as presented. Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Vote was unanimous, motion approved.

### **Executive Session**

None needed.

### **Old Business**

**Alarm system** - the replacement at the Habersham station has now begun after making a 50% deposit on the project.

**Trees at Grays Hill** – low hanging trees causing issues and concern have been cleaned up and debris removed. Project completed.

**AEMT** – Our in-house class with seven students is underway.

**Building Maintenance** – Batt. Chief Maichel evaluated all the HVAC units at all five stations. It was determined that two of the units at Grays Hill needed to be replaced to prevent any emergency change outs. Both units were 21 years old (original units).

### **Personnel –**

- Lt. Nicotri has taken a position at another Fire Department. Her last day will be Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Her position will be filled by FFR – Fludd who recently graduated recruit school.
- FF Garrison is still in school and will graduate at the end of Feb.
- Capt. Levesque is retiring February. His position was secured with the grant that was not renewed after its expiration date 10/1/25 therefore will not be filled.

**Bryx** – The system will be fully tested the week of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> with no pager use. If no issues occur, we will be at 100% function.

**New Pumper (2029) quote – (updated)** would replace Engine 82 a 2016 Pierce. The total quote for an identical truck to the 2026 truck specs, under HGAC purchasing, is \$1,237,220. Approving the quote would put us in line with a production time of 47-50 months.

Chief Rountree would like permission to enter in to a contract with Spartan Fire & Apparatus. With the intentions of dwindling down the financed amount by making pre-payments as we have been doing with the last several trucks.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to allow Chief to sign the purchase agreement.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion Approved.

**2026 Pumper** – We should have the VIN# soon and we will move forward with securing a loan and we are looking at a delivery date of July (but maybe June).

**New Business**

None

**Chief's Report**

None

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03.

*Next meeting – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026*