

**DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
April 13, 2015**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	CHUCK HENRY	CHAIRMAN
	TOM DICKINSON	VICE CHAIRMAN
	MIKE BRYANT	COMMISSIONER
	GEOF JENKINS	COMMISSIONER
<b>ABSENT:</b>	PAT BEICHLER	COMMISSIONER
	GINNY TEERLINK	COMMISSIONER
<b>OTHERS:</b>	EDWARD BOYS	CHIEF

**1. Call to Order:** Henry called the meeting to order at 2.00 PM.

**2. FY'16 Budget:** Boys and Henry discussed the proposed FY'16 budget, the budget process, the budget increases, the current millage rate, the anticipated millage rate and the estimated value of the mil. Dickinson questioned the monies budgeted for health insurance costs and increases. Boys explained that the Bluffton Fire District, with whom Cigna has combined for lower costs, evaluated the state health insurance plan as a substitute for Cigna for FY'16. Boys stated that if Bluffton chose the state plan rather than Cigna, the DIFD would no longer be able to be combined with them resulting in higher premiums for the DIFD. Boys stated that the Bluffton Fire District recently indicated to him that they would not participate in the state plan so the DIFD could remain combined with the Bluffton Fire District and the DIFD's premiums would not increase as much as was estimated.

Boys distributed two documents to be substituted in the commissioner's original budget package. After further discussion and examination of the budget, Dickinson made the following motion:

That the DIFD FY'16 budget be approved as proposed.

Bryant seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The motion was passed.

Boys met with Beaufort County Councilman Vaux on April 9, 2015 to discuss the FY'16 budget. Councilman Vaux indicated that he will support the DIFD FY'16 budget.

**3. Open Burning:** Boys stated that the DIFD had received several phone calls with regard to burning debris in residential yards within Haig Point and Melrose. Boys reported that the DIFD's response is that it is not aware of any rule or regulation that prohibits open burning as long as it is within the guidelines of the Beaufort County Outdoor Burning Ordinance. There was discussion between Boys and Dickinson about burning at the Haig Point incinerator.

**4. Adjournment:** Henry adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.