

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
January 25th, 2012
Station 891**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner Cecil Lanier
Commissioner John Harris

Chief Rountree
Lisa Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:05

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the agenda as written.
Commissioner Harris seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the November 30th, 2011 minutes
Commissioner Lanier seconded.
Motion approved.

After reviewing the mid-year budget, Chief Rountree stated that we are closely watching vehicle maintenance and fuel usage. Both are over budget thus far.
Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the November & December 2011 financial statements.
Commissioner Burnes seconded.
Motion approved.

No executive session needed.

Audit - Lisa Wechsler from Crowley Wechsler and Associates prepared and presented the fiscal year 2011 audit.

The district came in under budget by \$24,401 and overall was a good year with no concerns.

As of June 30th, 2011 Burton Fire District had \$2,668,236 in General Fund balance, \$72,098 in capitol (old money from the City and Town) and \$720,900 in restricted funds (debt service, impact fees and 1% money).

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 audit as presented.
Commissioner Lanier seconded.
Questions that come up later can be visited as needed.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Old Business

Accommodations' tax –

Lt. Tony Carneavale attended the meeting to answer any questions about the reporting system and ways to track Beaufort County residents vs. non Beaufort Co. residents. At the last couple meetings the possibility of requesting reimbursement from the accommodations' tax collections was brought up. Since then Lt. Carneavale implemented a way to track a patient by zip code. He presented a report that was generated which showed that our firefighters responded to 19 non-Beaufort county residents from December 1st 2011 through Jan 25th 2012.

The commission was pleased with the report and the numbers it generated. Commissioner Bright is going to look further into the accommodations' tax and see if there would be any other information needed in order to submit for reimbursement.

ISO –

We still haven't received our results. Chief Rountree spoke with ISO and they anticipate us getting our results within the next two weeks. Our inspection was one of many picked for Quality Control which is the reason it has taken so long. Once the results are in, each Commissioner will be notified.

New Business

Bids – On January 28th, 2012 the district will pay off the note on our 2005 Pierce which was an annual payment of \$40,500. Chief Rountree would like permission to go to bid for a new pumper. The new pumper would replace the current 824, ran from the Pinewood station. Depending on what our ISO inspection says and what our needs are, Chief will also investigate the cost of selling the KME ladder (stationed at Habersham) and replacing it with a smaller pumper which would make it easier to drive the narrow roads of Habersham.

Commissioner Harris motioned to give Chief Rountree permission to go to bid for a new pumper.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Burning Ordinance – So far the new ordinance seems to be effective. One ticket has been issued and Chief Rountree had to go to court. This individual was a habitual offender and had been reported several times. They pleaded guilty and had to pay a fine. Chief has received a ticket book and will be allowed to issue tickets as necessary.

Chief's Report

None

Commissioner Lanier motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:40