

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
May 29th, 2013
Station 891**

PRESENT:	Commissioner Gary Bright	Chief Rountree
	Commissioner Cecil Lanier	D/C Webb
	Commissioner John Harris	Sam Cable
	Commissioner Thomas Peeples	Attorney Fred Kuhn

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

Commissioner Lanier motioned to accept the agenda as written with a need for executive session.

Commissioner Bright seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the April 24th, 2013 minutes

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the April 2013 financial statement.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Motion approved.

Executive Session

Commissioner Lanier motioned to enter executive session at 18:10 to discuss a legal matter.

Commissioner Harris seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Lanier motioned to resume the regular meeting at 18:30. Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Motion approved.

A discussion was held regarding a legal matter with the City of Beaufort and Town of Port Royal contracts.

Commissioner Harris motioned to have Attorney Fred Kuhn move forward with taking legal action regarding the past due amounts from the town an city based on the contract dated and signed by all parties on September 2nd, 2010.

Commissioner Lanier seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Old Business

Budget – The FY 2014 budget passed the first council reading. June 3rd is the scheduled second reading and we will have more indication whether or not the 2% COLA will be approved. Chief Rountree did submit the budget to include a 2% increase as requested by the commission at the last meeting.

Workers compensation – Our renewal quote came back \$38,000 under the figure budgeted. This will help make up the cost of the 2% COLA.

Health Insurance – Last meeting the commission agreed to reduce health insurance benefits to a 50/50 plan (Insurance company pays 50% in and out of network for the employees). The final figures from Blue Cross Blue Shield actually came in a little lower which allows room for a better plan – 70/50 (70% in network & 50% out of network). The employees would have the option to buy up to the current plan (80/20) at their expense.

Commissioner Bright motioned to accept the new figure/plan which allows the employee to choose their plan.

Commissioner Harris seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

New Business

Recognitions – We had two articles (included in packet) recently recognizing our firefighters. John Ireland was chosen by WTOC as the “Hometown Hero” for saving a premature infant while working with EMS. Lt. Jon Mosher, FF Andrew Wright and Eng. Eric Chapman were recognized for saving a man’s life and restarting his heart.

Capitol Items – We are still researching best options and prices for the capitol items that were approved at the budget meeting.

Chief’s Report

None.

Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Peebles seconded.

Meeting adjourned 16:58

**Next regularly scheduled meeting - July, 31st 2013.*