

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
January 28th, 2015
Station 891**

PRESENT: *Commissioner Gary Bright*
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner John Harris

Chief Rountree
Dep. Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:10.

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

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the November 19th, 2014 minutes.
Commissioner Harris seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the November and December 2014 financial statements.
Commissioner Burnes seconded.
Motion approved.

No executive session needed.

Old Business/New Business

Thermal Imagers - *All four of the new thermal imagers came in since the last meeting. Chief Webb displayed and demonstrated the new and the old cameras for the Commission.*

Chief Still applied for a grant through Firehouse Subs to try and get a 5th camera. We found out that we were awarded the grant. All five engines will carry the same thermal imager.

New truck – *The truck committee sent out the specifications to three manufacturers with delivery and signature confirmation. Out of the three, we only received a bid from Spartan Fire & Apparatus (Pierce). Their quote to us was \$659,331. \$24,546 of that cost is for loose equipment. Thanks to Firehouse Subs we can immediately knock off roughly \$11,000 since we won't need a thermal imager.*

Chief Rountree would like to get the Commission's approval to award the bid to Spartan Fire & Apparatus with the intentions of negotiating a little more. We originally anticipated the truck costing \$600,000.

Financing – these figures were approved for the fiscal year 2015 budget to help pay for the new fire truck:

\$120,000 general fund

\$100,000 debt service fund

\$80,000 impact fees

We anticipated financing somewhere around \$300,000 to replace a previous note payment of \$50,000. When the Quint is sold, that money will be used for a down payment.

Palmetto State Bank gave us a loan quote for a 2% fixed rate. A 5 year note for \$250,000 would result in a \$53,000 annual payment. \$300,000 for 5 years would be \$63,000. Chief Rountree will still look into other banks.

If the bid is awarded to Spartan – the truck should be delivered around October or November of this year.

Commissioner Harris motioned to authorize Chief and the truck committee to award the bid to Spartan Fire & Apparatus and to continue negotiating the price. The final price shall not exceed \$648,000.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

COB/TPR Contract – *We have a court date for Judge Dukes to rule on the value issues in our contract with the City and Town. That date is set for February 11th at 9am Upstairs at the county courthouse. Attorney Fred Kuhn would like to have the Chief and Commissioners there for support.*

Chiefs Report

Hand out included in packet.

Asst. Chief Wells was in a wreck in his department administrator vehicle on the 26th. Everyone was ok but the truck is most likely totaled. Once we know for sure we will have to figure out the best option for getting that truck replaced.

Commissioner Burnes Motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Harris seconded.

Meeting adjourned 19:12.

Next meeting scheduled for March 25th, 2015.