

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
August 9th, 2016
Station 891
Special meeting**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner John Harris
Commissioner Herbert Burnes

Mr. Claude McLeod
Four Board Members from
Seabrook Community
Center
Chief Rountree

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

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

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Previously Chief Rountree, Mr. McLeod and a few commission members met with the board members of the Seabrook Community Center at the property to discuss a possible land acquisition.

Since then, Commissioner Harris has checked with Beaufort County Zoning to inquire about the possibility of building a fire station at this property. They said it was zoned for it and the next step would be to check with the water company.

The property being discussed is a total of 3.96 acres off Detour Rd. and currently has one building (the community center) and a basketball court. The community center is not leased out and is used for meetings and community functions.

The two boards discussed the property and the possibility of signing a portion or possibly all of it over to the Burton Fire District with the intention of having a fire station built in the future. The Community Center Board would like to maintain control and have access to the building to continue holding their community functions.

It would take approximately 2-3 years to get a new station into the budget, plans made and have it built. The fire district pays off the Habersham station note in 2021 which should allow us to replace that note and not have to raise taxes. The next note expires in 2025.

The Community Center Board meets this Saturday the 13th. Commissioner Bright asked them to discuss this with the rest of their board members and decide exactly how they wish to handle this deal.

In the meantime Mr. McLeod will bring a copy of the plat for the commissioners. The commission will get with Attorney Fred Kuhn to discuss this property and ask a few questions.

The Commissioners and Chief would like to meet the board members and Mr. McLeod out at the property again to look at the property lines etc, once a plat is in hand.

A date will be set in the future to discuss these options again and decide what is best for both parties as well as the community.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 19:00