

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
January 29th, 2020
Station 81**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner Thomas Peeples
Commissioner Stanley Ganshow
Commissioner Madison Chisum

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb
Attorney Fred Kuhn
Lisa Weschler, CPA – Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:03.

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

Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Audit

Lisa Weschler with Crowley Weschler & Associates completed and presented the FY19 audit.

- No new debt was added.
- All debt payments that were due throughout the fiscal year were paid.
- Total general fund on 6/30/2019 was \$849,651.
- Total debt service fund balance was \$377,948.
- Total impact fund balance was \$138,641.
- Total one percent fund balance \$58,301.

Tax collections were not as predicted.

Total under budget/expenditures by \$12,498.

Commissioner Bright asked for a motion to accept or reject the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.
Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit as presented with one typo to be fixed on page 34.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

(Lisa Weschler removed herself from the meeting).

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the September 23rd, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the August through December 2019 financials.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Motioned approved.

Executive Session

Commissioner Burnes motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a pending legal matter with Attorney Fred Kuhn.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Entered @ 18:27.

Back in open session @ 19:02.

Conversation took place on a pending legal matter.

A contract from independent auditor Cherry Bekaert, the 3rd party auditor hired to determine a schedule of properties annexed by the City of Beaufort and the Town of Port Royal, was presented and discussed.

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the contract for the 3rd party audit after submitting the commission and Chief Rountree's recommendations to Beaufort County.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Vote was unanimous

Motion approved.

As a result of the discussion held in executive session, Commissioner Chisum made a motion to authorize Attorney Fred Kuhn to take action in on what he feels is the best interest of the Burton Fire District and its citizens and tax payers.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Old Business

KME – We have had multiple emails and inquiries about the KME for sale but so far no real offers.

New Business

None.

Chief's Report

- The new Battalion vehicle came in and is in service.
- The two Asst. Chief Tahoes are in service as well.
- We will sell the 2009 F150 on gov deals.
- We were awarded the SCBA grant for \$260,000. We were able to purchase 36 packs, 80 cylinders and 10 face pieces. All were delivered this week.
- February 15th is the 47th Burton Birthday party.
- February 22nd is the Annual Awards banquet.
- We finished 2019 off with 3,260 incidents.
- February 24th - 14 of our firefighters will be recognized by House Representative Shannon Erickson at the county council meeting for their search efforts in Richland County for Nevaeh Adams.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:20.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 25th.