

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting – Audit
April 10th, 2024
Station 81 – 1200**

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

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb
Asst. Chief Still

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 11:57

Chief Rountree presented Commissioner Herbert Burnes with a plaque in appreciation for his 15 years of service to the citizens and members of the Burton Fire District through serving on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Peeples motioned to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Burnes seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the March 27th, 2024 meeting minutes.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Executive Session

No need for an executive session.

Potential 2028 Pumper

Chief Rountree provided an updated contract and quote from Pierce to reflect a downpayment of \$100,000 to be paid before July 15th and a pre-payment discount of \$16,000. After the payment is made the balance due would be \$1,106,855. If the Commission votes to move forward with the contract, Chief intends to continue making downpayments over the next couple of budget cycles to lower the final amount needed for a loan. This quote is in effect until the end of April. Chief Rountree recommended securing our place in the production line before the increase takes effect May 1st. The current estimate for production is 45-48 months.

Commissioner Chisum made a motion to approve the contract presented and to allow Chief Rountree to include a planned payment of \$100,000 in the Fiscal 2025 budget. With the payment to be processed after July 1st but before July 15th.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Budget FY25

Annually, county finance provides the fire districts with an estimated mil value based on their current year collections. Last year, mid-April, we were given an estimate of \$95,986 but reduced that by 2% and used \$94,066.

This week we received numbers that are significantly lower than last years. Throughout the year the county treasurer's office sends us monthly reports and we feel our collections are strong and should produce a higher or at least similar mil value. The Fire Chiefs have a meeting scheduled with the finance & budget directors on Friday to go over these numbers.

For the purpose of this meeting and discussion only, a flat budget was provided to the commission. The flat budget does not include any cost of living increases or increase in personnel. Chief Rountree is not seeking approval at this time, knowing that without having a mil value, the commission would not be comfortable moving forward. Also not included at this time is the capital improvements plan for the year.

The flat budget provided would require \$6,496,740 in revenue. This amount would require a mil value of \$94,020 at 69.1 mils.

The Commission and Chief would like to schedule a meeting in two weeks to revisit and approve a budget. Finance has requested our proposed budget be turned in by Friday, April 26th. Chief hopes budget for 3 new firefighters as well as a cost of living adjustment.

Adjournment

Commissioner Chisum motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Peeples seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for: April 24th, 2024.