

**Burton Fire District  
Commission Meeting – Audit  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 @ 12:05

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes.  
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.  
Vote was unanimous.  
Motion approved.

**Financials**

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to approve the March 2024 financial statement.  
Commissioner Burnes seconded.  
Vote was unanimous.  
Motion approved.

**Budget FY25**

Since the last board meeting, we received an estimated mil value of \$101,098. Chief Rountree presented a budget including a 5% Cola plus 3 new firefighters that would require no mil increase.

Capital improvements – Included on the presented budget. \$0 by taxation.

- Protective clothing \$53,800 – use of prior years contract money.
- Down payments on the 2026 & 2028 pumpers - \$300,000 total (200k from impact fees and 100k from Debt service fund).

Operations line item increases:

- Dues & subscriptions
- Liability insurance
- Fire prevention/community risk reduction
- Added k9 account back into the budget
- Electricity
- Vehicle maintenance
- Fire extinguisher maint.

- Training

Total budget by taxation: \$6,985,867.

This budget would be accomplished by levying the current rate of 69.1 mills with the value of 101,098. Collecting \$6,985,871 in taxes.

Total budget presented including capital expenditures is \$7,339,667.

Debt service payments will remain the same as FY24 at \$363,574 levying the same mills at 3.9.

Commissioner Chisum motioned to approve the budget presented.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

### **End of Year Purchases**

Because we are projected to be under budget within our normal operations budget, Chief Rountree provided a quick list of wants and needs that can be accomplished in the current fiscal year while staying within the total approved budget.

- Concrete pad repair at Burton Hill.
- Replace broken rear bay doors at Burton Hill.
- Replace some of the SCBA masks.
- Upgrade to new rescue manikins for training.
- Replace a lawn mower for station 83.
- Replace outdated rescue rope.
- Training center upgrades to include additional shipping containers.
- Body cameras

Commissioner Bright suggested Chief and his staff be permitted to move forward with any and all items that can be accomplished within the budget without needing any motions. With the exception of the body cameras which require a 3 year commitment.

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to allow Chief to move forward with the implementation of body cameras and enter into an agreement with PCN strategies. With the understanding that the program be reviewed by the District's attorney for his guidance, recommendations and policy approval.

Commissioner Peebles seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

*Chief Rountree will present the budget to county finance on 5/1.*

*Next regularly scheduled meeting – May 29<sup>th</sup>.*