

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting – Audit
January 29th, 2025
Station 81 – 1200**

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

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb
Lisa Weschler
Kelsey Starr

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 12:13

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the December 4th, 2024 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Chisum motioned to table the November and December financial statements.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Audit

Lisa Weschler and Kelsey Starr with Crowley Wechsler & Associates were in attendance to present the fiscal year 2024 financial audit.

Key points:

- Total net position of the district (pg. 6) was \$2,443,098
- Total expenses were \$6,828,541 and revenue was \$7,633,195 (tax revenue went up to \$7,227,401 from \$6,726,764 in FY 23). (pg. 7)
- Capital additions during the year totaled \$409,240. (pg. 9)
- Fiscal year 2025 approved figures. (pg. 10)
- Fund balances (pg. 13)
 - o General \$1,888,869
 - o Debt \$637,177
 - o Impact \$514,655
 - o One percent \$99,073
- Total of fund balances (pg. 15) \$3,139,774
- One percent retirement fund for firefighters \$513,793 (pg17)
- Budget vs. Actual (pg 40-41)
 - o Revenues budgeted \$6,507,526

- Revenues collected \$6,887,200
- Personnel \$135,360 under budget
- Administration \$13,144 under budget
- Utilities \$1,880 under budget
- Total maint. \$189,016 over budget
- Training \$11,096 under budget
- Capital \$6,240 over budget
- \$35,541 total over budget (commission approved in reference to an issue with bunker gear order and invoicing)
- Overall increase of funds \$393,368
- Compliance section (pg 45) states there were no reportable conditions.

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the Fiscal year 2024 audit as presented.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

(Mrs. Weschler and Mrs. Starr exited the meeting)

Executive Session

Commissioner Chisum motioned to enter into executive session at 12:44 to discuss a personnel matter.

Commissioner Burnes Seconded.

Session ended at 12:56 with no action taken.

Old Business

None

New Business

FY26 Budget – Beaufort County Finance has provided us with a calendar for the budget process. Budget is due to them mid-April. We will begin working on the personnel section now with hopes of adding 3 more firefighters(19 per shift) which would maintain 3 man engines even with 3 people on leave.

Chief's Report

Written report provided in packet.

- Station alerting systems are installed. We are utilizing a portion of the program and hope to be fully using the program soon.
- Our recruit graduation was postponed due to the snow storm to Feb. 10th.
- In house EMT starts Feb. 3rd. We will have 8 firefighters in class.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – March 26th, 2025