

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting – Audit
April 16th, 2025
Station 81 – 1200**

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

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb

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

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Chisum motioned to table the March 2025 report until next meeting.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

FY 26 Budget

We received an estimated mil value from county finance of \$106,035 for fiscal year 2026.

The budget presented today reflects a salary adjustment for 3 shifts consisting of 16 firefighters each. For administrative personnel it includes a 3.33% cola. Chief Rountree expressed that after the payroll study the goal this year was to focus on current shift personnel rather than adding any new firefighters.

The capital budget presented includes 18 new sets of personal protective equipment, capnography units and downpayments on the two pumpers on order. The total capital improvements budget is \$394,000. \$40,000 would be by taxation, \$54,000 from prior years contract funds, \$200k from impact fees and \$100k from debt service fund.

The total operations & capital budget is \$7,680,723 (\$7,326,723 by taxation) requiring 69.1 mills, the same as the current budget year.

The total budgeted from the debt fund for FY26 is \$413,508. Levying 3.9 mills, the same as the current year. After paying off the Grays Hill Station note in FY25, the proposed budget includes a new loan payment of \$130,000 for the 2026 pumper that is in production.

Our proposed budget is due to Beaufort County finance by the end of the day today.

Also provided to the commission was a copy of the proposed new hire pay scale which will take effect July 1st if the budget is approved by County Council.

The fiscal year 2026 budget requires no tax increases.

After discussion, Commissioner Chisum motioned to approve the budget as presented.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Chief Rountree will present to the Finance Committee on Monday, April 21st.
The first reading for full council is scheduled for Monday, May 12th.

Adjournment

Commissioner Burnes motioned to adjourn.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.

Next meeting – May 28th, 2025