

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting
May 27th, 2026
Station 82 – 1200**

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

Chief Rountree
Dep. Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 12:10

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

Minutes

Commissioner Chisum motioned to accept the April 29th, 2026 minutes.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Financial Reports

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the April 2026 reconciliation report.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved

Executive Session

None

Old Business

2026 Pumper – On Monday we received the final invoice for the truck and loose equipment. The balance due after downpayments and pre-payment discounts is \$493,858.65. The original cost of the truck was \$956,867.

Chief Rountree was able to quickly obtain a quote from Palmetto State. Their loan proposal is for a 4 year note with a 5.65%. The first payment being \$130,000; and would be made as budgeted before June 30th. The next two annual payments would be \$150,000 with a final payment of \$105,909.04 in June 2029.

Commissioner Chisum suggested that to ensure we are getting a good rate, that two more quotes be obtained before accepting the loan proposal provided.

The loan acceptance was tabled until the additional quotes are provided for review and comparison. Chief Rountree will seek out two other loan options.

Commissioner Ganshow suggested a deadline of June 10th for either an email vote or additional board meeting to occur. This would provide enough time for the loan to be processed and a payment arranged with county finance from our debt service account before the end of the fiscal year.

FY 27 Budget – Our budget passed the first reading at county council's meeting last night. The second reading will be June 8th.

Advanced EMT – The class, lead by AC Kenyon, had a 100% pass rate on their final test. So far two have passed NREMT as of today.

Personnel -

FF Portela recently retired with 25 years of service. We are thankful for his loyal years of serving the citizens of the Burton Fire District.

Eng Causey has accepted a position with MCAS. His date is tbd but we expect his separation to be in the next couple of weeks.

We have a couple of good, already certified, applicants on file.

End of year expenses – As of right now, we are overall under budget and are looking to make a few purchases of a some wants & needs. Chief will keep a list of those purchases for informational purposes at the next meeting. A few quotes have already been received for fire hose & nozzle replacements, medical bags and a key fob security system for all five stations.

Legal – Fred Kuhn will be representing us at a court hearing for a pending legal matter with the City of Beaufort/Town of Port Royal on June 12th at 10am.

New Business

None

Chief's Report

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Chisum motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

Next meeting – July 29th