

**Burton Fire District
Commission Meeting
July 29th, 2026
Station 81 – 1200**

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

Chief Rountree
Dep. Chief Webb
Asst. Chief Kenyon
Asst. Chief Still (12:30)

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 12:06

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to amend the agenda to include election of officers after executive session.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the June 8th, 2026 minutes pending a typo correction.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to approve the May & June 2026 financial reports.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Executive Session

None needed.

Selection of officers

Commissioner Burnes motioned that the board select Commissioner Bright as the Chairman of Commission.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Bright motioned that the board select Commissioner Ganshow as the Vice Chairman of commission.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Commissioner Bright motioned that the board select Commissioner Chisum as the secretary/treasurer of the commission.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Later in the meeting, during old Business, Mr. Chisum stated that he would like to decline the secretary/treasurer position.
Commissioner Bright nominated Commissioner Burnes.
Commissioner Ganshow seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Old Business

Pumper loan – Originally Chief Rountree obtained 3 quotes for a note and because all three were structured differently was tasked to commonize the loans and terms.

Two of the bank proposals were leases and the third option was a loan but the rate did not compare. We received confirmation that a lease purchase and a loan would be recorded the same with our Auditor.

Chief Rountree asked the two lease options to update their proposals because the originals had expired. By the start of the meeting only one had re-issued their proposal.

After review and discussion Commissioner Ganshow motioned to accept the Pierce Financial Services quote with PNC Bank for a Tax Exempt Lease Purchase, once reviewed by our Attorney. The terms of the lease are for 3 years (36 months) at 4.88% for the \$363,858.65 balance. The first payment would be due January 2027.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion approved.

Chief Rountree will sign the proposal after the document is reviewed by our Attorney. Per the commission and the proposal by PNC, our Attorney will also be asked to review the full contract before it is signed.

The pumper has a current completion date of August 26th. Roughly a week later the truck committee will head up for final inspection. Recently the plant had a tornado come through their area which could result in a little delay.

New Business

Weight room – A plan is being constructed to replace the weight room behind station 81. It will include a new slab in order to create a new space for the weightroom and storage.

Chief's Report

- Eng. Causey resigned and took a position with MCAS.
- Firefighter Ferrel resigned to take a position with Savannah.

- Currently we have an add on social media for experienced firefighters due to the openings.

Adjournment

Commissioner Peeples motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12

Next meeting – September 30th, 2026