

Board of Fire Commissioners
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The September 26, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting to discuss the 2024 proposed budget was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 6:34 PM.

Flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Ellsworth, Hays, Ramsey, Russo; D/A-Treasurer Petkus, D/P Olson. See sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Lengthy discussion regarding replacement of Maint-1 vehicle, including:

- Marchese Ford:
 - 2022 F250 with Fisher XV2 plow already on it; \$62,730.00
 - 2022 F350 on lot for \$63,750 with no plow on it. Cost of adding plow is \$9750; total cost is \$73,500.
- Mohawk Chevy:
 - 2023 diesel dually 3500 utility body with Fisher 9.5 XV2 stainless plow: \$85,371.43.
- Mangino:
 - Double cab, gas, long utility box, \$68,308. Plow is an additional \$9750; total is \$78,058.00. Spray in bed liner and rust proofing is additional.
- DePaula Ford:
 - 2023 F350 SD XL, gas, regular cab; \$51,750. Plow additional \$9650; total \$61,400.

Vendors are currently being told that regarding state contract pricing, to sell at MSRP. All require \$500.00 down payment to hold vehicle. It was also noted that the new vehicle should be parked in Co #1 bay during the winter. Board to consider trade-in of current maintenance vehicle; Douglas noted that there is someone interested in buying it. Douglas to work on both.

RESOLUTION #232 PURCHASING THE DEPAULA TRUCK.

MOTION: Chandler
SECOND: Ramsey
RESOLVED to purchase the DePaula truck.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #233 GIVING THE TREASURE PERMISSION TO PAY THE \$500 DEPOSIT TO DEPAULA; MONEY TO COME OUT OF OPERATIONS.

MOTION: Chandler
SECOND: Russo
RESOLVED to give the Treasure permission to pay the \$500 deposit to DePaula; money to come out of Operations.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #234 ADVERTISING A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND UP TO \$65,000.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT

RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 2023 F350 PICKUP WITH PLOW AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM DEPAULA.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend up to \$65,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of the 2023 F350 pickup with plow and other related equipment from DePaula.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #235 DECLARING MAINT-1 SURPLUS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ellsworth

RESOLVED to declare Maint-1 surplus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding Co #3 last original furnace, including:

- Quotes received from:
 - Middlebrook's Plumbing: approximately \$8,000 - \$9,000.
 - Mohawk Plumbing & Heating: approximately \$10,000.
 - Roland J. Down: did not show up today.

Lengthy discussion regarding the Unassigned Fund Balance and corresponding policy, the amount currently in the unassigned fund balance, using some of those funds to appropriate to strengthen both the Building and Equipment Reserve funds and when to transfer the funds to the reserves, and below projects that need to be addressed. Recommendation to also begin long term planning.

Douglas also noted, with some discussion, the following projects also need to be addressed:

- Possible foundation issue at Co #1;
- Repairs/epoxy to Co #4 truck bay floors – Doug is currently seeking quotes;
- 293 turntable and possible bucket repairs;
- Upcoming replacements of 26 and 275.

Various quotes on the above are forthcoming.

Also noted is the current Co #4 water project that is about \$60,000-\$70,000 and added to above list, as well as Co #3 window replacement with one quote received at about \$14,000. Quotes needed for all the above, and from here, a long-term plan should be established going forward. Board to monitor and address unassigned fund balance over the course of the next several months.

New 261 jaws accrued in the .2 Rescue account for this year at \$28,416.00, as well as tentatively in the 2024 proposed budget. Discussion continued regarding whether or not to purchase them this year or wait until next year, and where the actual number came from. Douglas noted he did not get the quote. A/C Marshall may have the quote, to be contacted for a copy for the district office. Will stay in 2024 budget and release the 2023 accrual. Discussion regarding the 32-hour work week for maintenance person; to remain at 32 hours per week for next year. Discussion regarding raises for staff; 3% raises will cost about \$5,000.

Commissioner Ellsworth noted that next year, if Premier continues to be the apparatus repair vendor, the board needs to work closely with Premier to have apparatus properly repaired and

maintained. He will volunteer as the Commissioner to continue to work on this with Douglas as he has this past year, as well as with the new Chief in 2024. Apparatus/Maintenance Repairs line item to remain at \$150,000.00. Discussion continued, including regular undercarriage cleaning, paint repairs to 282 and 292, and KME not honoring the warranties.

Douglas noted that Co #1 roof is still leaking; he will contact Titan Roofing tomorrow morning. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #236 APPROVING RAISES OF 3% FOR EACH OF THE DISTRICT STAFF BEGINNING IN 2024.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve raises of 3% for each of the district staff beginning in 2024.

VOTE: Chandler, Ellsworth, Hays, Russo, in favor; Ramsey, against.

Motion carried.

Treasurer to reduce .8 A9050.8 by \$5,000 and move to .1 Personal Services, keeping the draft proposed budget under the 2% tax cap.

RESOLUTION #237 ACCEPTING THE 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET AS DISCUSSED AND WITH CHANGES MADE.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to accept the 2024 Proposed Budget as discussed and with changes made.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #238 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Russo to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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District Administrator/Treasurer