

**Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees meeting
December 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent declarations of national and state of emergencies, no physical location for the public was provided except for members of the board and essential employees. The meeting of this board was forced to be held via video teleconference using Gotomeeting.com via access code 837-112-965. A meeting invitation was sent to each individual board member. The Public was invited to attend via video conferencing, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/837112965> or via telephone by calling 1-646-749-3112. **Access Code:** 837-112-965. Board members were notified via email and notice to the public was provided via posting at station # 1 (6200 Bardstown Road) and also on our website.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Ott

Members present: H. Ott, E. Brown, D. Shewmaker, T. Deloch, S. Pierce (virtual), C. Bauer (virtual), D. Bannon (virtual)

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Major Neal, Daugherty, Lt. Col Hutchens, Major Schmidt, Attorney M. Leach (virtual), several Department members (virtual) and members of the public (virtual)

Motion Bannon, 2nd Deloch to approve November minutes as presented. MC

Motion Bannon, 2nd Shewmaker to approve November financial reports as presented. MC

Announcements & Correspondence

- October minutes filed and recorded with the Jefferson County Clerk's office on *10/26/2020*.
- Walk-thru Christmas party will be Sunday, December 20th, starting at 4:00 p.m.
- Tax deposit received 12/10 in the amount of \$1,735,987.38 (32.21% collected)
- Current bank statements were available for review.
- Letter to the Board from the Jones Nale and Mattingly, regarding the audit.
- Kentucky Retirement has set their rates for FYE 2022 – Non-Haz 26.95 % (currently 24.06%) and Haz 44.33% (currently 39.58%)
- Denton Group November report: *report provided updates on various bills that could impact the emergency service community; KBEMS proposed changes have been withdrawn pending further revision of the bill by KBEMS.*

Old Business

- Motion Deloch, 2nd Brown to approve by-laws as presented. MC unanimously
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve the FYE 6/2020 audit as presented. MC

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey:

- Chief Mulvey reported on: EMS run volume and run location matrix; recommends staffing a 3rd ambulance in the near future; updated on covid-19; congratulated individuals on recent promotions; apparatus committee is working on proposal for the replacement of # 7132; will be meeting with the volunteers to go over new handbook and procedures; waiting on ISO report; Louisville Metro Council approved us for the NDF grant which we will use to purchase mountain bikes for the park. Due to Covid, the bikes will not be available until August or September.
- Motion Brown, 2nd Shewmaker to approve the hiring of Kaitlyn Reef to fill the full-time paramedic position based on the committee's recommendation. MC

- Chief presented quote from Bill Collins Ford for 2 pick-up trucks in the amount of \$40,639.60 each. Motion Brown, 2nd Shewmaker to approve the purchase of (2) 2021 Ford F-150 XL Crew Cab 4x4 pick-up trucks from Bill Collins Ford at a cost of \$40,639.60 each. MC
- Fire Academy Board is discussing the possibility of selling the Admin building at the Training academy to the State. Chief Mulvey and Trustee Bauer expressed their concerns.

Deputy Chief Storrie: Reported on the fireman's fund balance and recent activity; reminded everyone to get their information submitted for the exercise incentive program.

Deputy Chief Evans: The State's software and website update have been completed and training hours are currently up to date; ESO is slowing moving forward.

Lt. Col. Hutchens: Mentioned the promotions and pinning ceremonies to be held this week and also the drive-thru Christmas party.

Major Neal: discussed more in detail about the KBEMS changes; will be visiting Braun in January with delivery projected in mid to late February.

Major Schmidt: no report

New Business

- Revisions to sections section 217 Department/District Communications and section 312 Family Death (Bereavement) of the employee handbook were presented. Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve as presented. MC
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve a 3% COLA increase for Crawford and Daugherty, effective January 1st. MC
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve the reduction of Paramedic Lowe to EMT-P. MC

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Shewmaker to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Deloch, Secretary



Nancy Daugherty, Recorder

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