

Fern Creek Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees meeting
May 10, 2021 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 FD members. The meeting of this board was held via video teleconference using Gotomeeting.com via access code 286-447-333. A meeting invitation was sent to each individual board member. The Public was invited to attend via video conferencing, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/286447333> or via telephone by calling 1-571-317-3122. **Access Code:** 286-447-333. Board members were notified via email and notice to the public was provided via posting at station # 1, station # 2 and also on our website.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ott at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: H. Ott, E. Brown, D. Shewmaker, S. Pierce, C. Bauer and D. Bannon

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Storrie, Deputy Chief Evans, Major Elstone, Major Neal, Lt. Col Hutchens, Major Schmidt, Daugherty, Attorney M. Leach, Department members and members of the public *(both in person and virtually)*

Major Schmidt read names of those first responders that have recently passed, and a moment of silence was observed.

Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve April minutes as presented. MC

Motion Bauer, 2nd Pierce to approve April financial reports as presented. MC

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements were available for review.
- February minutes filed and stamped with the Jefferson County Clerk on 04/16/2021.
- Sheriff's Department March transfer received 4/10 in the amount of \$28,644.48 (97.52% collected).
- Sheriff's Department April transfer received 5/10 in the amount of \$15,672.35 (97.81% collected).
- Preliminary assessment of 3,373,120,615 received from PVA.
- Crusade will be June 5th & 6th
- Next JCSFS meeting will be June 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- Firefighter Trustee election will be Saturday, June 26th, 11-2 p.m., station # 1. Absentee voting will be held at stat # 1 on June 21st at 9 am and 7 pm and also June 22nd at 9 am.
- Audit is scheduled for July 19-22nd.
- Denton Group April report provided a summary of the most recent legislative changes. Chief Mulvey reported on the highlights.

Old Business

- Motion Bannon, 2nd Bauer to approve the proposed 2021/2022 budget as presented. MC
- Treasurer Pierce discussed the finance options obtained for the Pierce apparatus financing project. Treasurer Pierce and Chief Mulvey agreed to move forward with Freedom Financial on a 10-year loan with an interest rate of 2.99%. (authority to approve given at last month's meeting). Attorney Leach has reviewed the bond and agrees that it will cover us substantially in the event of a default of the manufacturer.
- Chief Mulvey is currently working on the projected purchasing and building maintenance/improvement list and will present next month.
- Banquet or social gathering discussed. Chief Mulvey is working with the high school to hold an awards ceremony in their auditorium and Lt. Col. Hutchens and Bannon will work on organizing a social event.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey: Chief's report included: April Fire and EMS run numbers; PRN D. Price has submitted his resignation. Motion Brown, 2nd Shewmaker to accept PRN D. Price's resignation. MC ; Motion Bannon, 2nd Bauer to accept Captain R. Wright's retirement paperwork, effective 5/31, with regrets. MC ; Motion Bannon, 2nd Shewmaker to accept Sgt Adams' retirement paperwork, effective 7/31, with regrets. MC ; Motion Bannon, 2nd Shewmaker to accept Sgt Roeder's retirement paperwork, effective 7/31, with regrets. MC ; minor accidents to # 7184 and # 7194; surplus boat received from Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept will be donated to Spencer County Sheriff's Dept; community business fundraising for Safe Haven Baby Box project; discussed a house building project.

Deputy Chief Storrie: no activity to report in the fireman's fund; will meet with ISO to receive insight on how to lower our rating.

Deputy Chief Evans: reported on recent trainings, including rope technician class and (2) medical and advanced trauma classes; Retirements will open promotional opportunities; reported on promotional progress. Motion Brown, 2nd Shewmaker to accept the recommendation from the Chief and promotional committee and move forward with the promotion and/or hiring of personnel. MC ; updated Board on Covid restrictions – Open doors in the bay areas will be considered "outdoor"; recognized Captain Renn on the recent rope tech class he taught.

Lt. Col. Hutchens: meeting with Chamber regarding a larger scale community event; App draft should be available in the next month.

Major Neal: Station # 4 ambulance is on-line; reported on trainings; First on Scene class is being offered to the public; Discussed HB 8/Medicaid reimbursement. We will receive our first disbursement in June along with a taxing fee to follow; will be attending a class at the National Fire Academy in July.

Major Schmidt: reminder that physicals are now being completed on a monthly basis.

Major Elstone: reported that Panara will be opening soon and on other building projects throughout the District.

New Business

- Only one nomination was received for the Firefighter Trustee position from Eric Brown. Motion Bauer, 2nd Shewmaker to approve and accept Eric Brown's nomination for Firefighter Trustee. MC Brown abstained
- For the purpose of voting in the Firefighter election, Chairman Ott appointed all EMS personnel and civilian employees as special firefighters per Article VIII (4) of the by-laws.
- Contract for legislation support with the Denton Group for the upcoming year (June 1 -May 31, 2022) is \$18,000. Motion Bannon, 2nd Brown to approve cost sharing with the other Districts based on tax revenue as recommended by the Chief. MC
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Brown to approve a PRN EMT-A pay rate of \$20.00 per hour with an effective date of May 16th. MC
- One Scholarship application was received from Taylor Mulvey. Motion Bannon, 2nd Pierce to award Taylor Mulvey a \$1000 scholarship, payable to ECU. MC

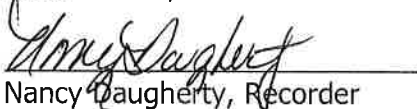
Adjournment

Motion Bannon, 2nd Bauer to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pierce, Treasurer



Nancy Daugherty, Recorder

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