

To: General Membership

From: Secretary

Subject: Minutes of the North Okaloosa Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners
Monthly Meeting.

Date: October 20, 2021

Members Present: Craig Shaw, Chairman, Commissioner Group IV
Todd McGirr, Commissioner, Group I
Dan Bowers, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner, Group II
Rodney Lancaster, Commissioner, Group V At Large
Willie G. Terrell, Commissioner, Group III

Advisors Present: Jonathan Holloway Legal Council
Dennis McMaster Chief
Annette Rayburn, Administrator

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shaw at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were given.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner McGirr motioned to approve the agenda Commissioner Lancaster seconded the motion. Vote 5/0.

Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2021: Motion to approve the minutes as written Commissioner Bowers, 2nd Commissioner McGirr. Vote 5/0.

New Business:

Old Business:

a. Rescue Purchase: Chief McMaster let the board know that as of today the payments for August and September for the contract have hit the bank. Chief McMaster let the board know that he had spoken to and met with Deep South. There is a quote in the folder and Deep South can customize a truck to our specifications. He suggests that we go with Deep South, it is also less than the Pierce truck. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to go with the Chiefs suggestion and purchase the rescue from Deep South. 2nd Commissioner McGirr. Chairman Shaw said that there are a lot of upgrades that the Chief did not mention such as this comes with a Kubota diesel engine vs a Honda gas engine. Deep South is also a HMA dealer so they will warranty the whole unit. They also gave us a \$5,000.00 discount and there is a down payment and remainder due upon delivery. Commissioner Lancaster asked about the warranty work, will it be done here. Chief McMaster said that it would depend on what work needs to be done. Chairman Shaw took a vote on the motion 5/0 in favor of the purchase.

Advisory Reports:

Attorney Report- None

Chief's Report – Chief McMaster briefed the report as follows- personnel which now lists 2 management, 19 paid firefighters, 0 part-time firefighter, 4 relief firefighters, and 1 support personnel, there were 243 calls for the month September 2021. Chief McMaster let the board know that the new engine should be at 10-8 on Friday and we will go over and show them where to mount the tools. We had all the engines pump tested and they all passed. That afternoon after they came back from the testing, we used Engine 80 to do some hose testing. The next morning, they went to start it and it was knocking and would not start we had a person from Justin's Diesel come out to check it and he said that the engine has had a catastrophic failure. In your folder there are two quotes for the repairs. He is not looking for action on this this evening he is looking into other options. We have started 24/7 ARFF coverage. The surplus has slowed down and we are thinking about doing a public yard sale at some point. Chief McMaster said that they had gone down to Pierce and done the final inspection of our new truck and it stood out vs the other trucks that were the usual fire truck colors. Motion to accept the Chiefs report Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Bowers. Vote 5/0

Secretary/Treasurer's Report- Commissioner Bowers said to take a look at the combined year to date and the district has done a very good job at budgeting for the last fiscal year. Motion to approve the Treasurers report Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner McGirr asked if the board meeting for December to the 10th and have the department Christmas party afterward. The board agreed to change the date.

Set Agenda for next meeting November 18, 2021

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Craig Shaw
Chairman