

To: General Membership

From: Secretary

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

Date: February 16, 2023

Members Present: Craig Shaw, Chairman, Commissioner Group IV
Todd McGirr, Vice Chair Commissioner, Group I
Dan Bowers, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Commissioner, Group II
Rodney Lancaster, Commissioner, Group V At Large
Thomas Ashworth, Group III

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

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 Ashworth seconded the motion. Vote 5/0.

Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes as written Commissioner Bowers, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Public input: None

New Business:

a. Crash Truck: Chairman Shaw said that he would like the Chief to discuss the possible purchase of a new ARFF crash truck. Chief McMaster said that during our last meeting with Vertex they brought up the age of the crash trucks that we are leasing. Chief McMaster found out that after a certain age the crash trucks certification might be in question for the government contract. He recently received a call from his rep at Pierce who asked if we might be interested in an Oshkosh crash truck that is just about to roll off the assembly line. Apparently, the department that ordered it has backed out. This truck will hold its value well, so if the contract did go away, we could sell the truck and recoup most of our investment, or even make a profit. The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons and decided that purchasing the crash truck is in our best interest. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to purchase the crash truck at a cost of \$1,199,547.00. 2nd Commissioner McGirr. Vote 5/0.

Old Business:

a. Contract update: Chairman Shaw said that we might have a contract update coming since Vertex is

also talking about 24/7 service. Commissioner Bowers made a motion to authorize Chairman Shaw a contract update when it comes about. 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Advisory Reports:

Attorney Report- Nothing to report.

Chief's Report – Chief McMaster briefed the report as follows- personnel which now lists 2 management, 20 paid firefighters, 3 relief firefighters, and 2 support personnel, there were 233 calls for the month of January 2023.

Chief McMaster reported that the A/C in the Dayroom has been replaced and is working. Casey Electric still must install new fuses and breakers.

Chief McMaster asked the board to wave the hiring committee for the one position he must fill. Commissioner Bowers made the motion to wave the committee for this one hiring, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Commissioner McGirr made a motion to accept the Chief's report, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report- Commissioner Bowers said that right now we have funds coming in for the 911 side and this will fall off in the next few months and we will operate thru the end of the fiscal year on those funds. We have the funds in the bank to purchase the new ARFF vehicle. If you look at the combined, we are on track for the year. Motion to approve the Treasurers report by Commissioner McGirr, 2nd Commissioner Lancaster. Vote 5/0.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Bowers thanked Chairman Shaw and Chief McMaster for all the information for the new ARFF vehicle. Commissioner McGirr said that he is glad that we are upgrading with the new vehicle. Chief McMaster said that it is such a rarity that we could get this vehicle without having to wait over a year to be built.

Set Agenda for next meeting April 20, 2023.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Craig Shaw
Chairman