

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Okolona Fire Protection District came to order at 7:00 PM, on July 1, 1999, at 8501 Preston Hwy., Louisville, Ky. 40219. The following people were present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Mickey Raisor, Treasurer
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Jerry Skinner
Mr. Jack Ragan
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District

Visitors: Detective Steve Hall
Captain Chris Gosnell
Mr. Larry Moore, Camp Taylor Fire District

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Notary Judy Johnson gave the oath of office to County Judge appointed trustee Jack Ragan and firefighter representative trustee Mickey Raisor.

Election of Officers

Mickey Raisor nominated Dorsey Powell for chairman. Ed Hogan seconded. There being no further nominations, Dorsey Powell was elected chairman.

Mickey Raisor nominated Ed Hogan for secretary. Jack Ragan seconded. There being no further nominations, Ed Hogan was elected secretary.

Dorsey Powell nominated Mickey Raisor for treasurer. Ed Hogan seconded. There being no further nominations, Mickey Raisor was elected treasurer.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 3, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Ed Hogan made the motions to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the June 3, 1999 meeting were duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

II. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

The treasurer submitted his report for the month of July, 1999, which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 1999.....	\$90,984.95
Deposits as of June 30, 1999.....	\$17,909.60
Disbursements as of June 30, 1999.....	\$82,911.40
Ending Balance as of June 30, 1999.....	\$25,983.15

Jerry Skinner made the motion to accept the treasurer's report for the month of June, 1999, as presented. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of June, 1999, was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Jefferson County Police Arson Squad

Detective Steve Hall, from the Jefferson County Police Arson Squad, was invited to the meeting to discuss the funding request that was recently submitted. He advised that they had been told there was no money in the police department budget for training and equipment for the arson squad. The money donated by the fire districts would be managed by the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association. The arson squad would submit request and the request would have to be approved by the fire chiefs. After discussion, Trustee Ragan advised that he would talk with the Jefferson County Judge Executive about funds for the arson squad.

2. Audit

Mr. William Hollister, who has audited the records the past several years, states that the price for the annual audit will remain the same at \$4,325. Jerry Skinner made the motion to have William Hollister perform the annual audit. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved Mr.

Williams Hollister to do the annual audit at a cost of \$4,325.

3. Legislative Lobbyist

Mr. Larry Moore, trustees for the Camp Taylor Fire District, asked to speak to the board. He strongly urged the board to participate in the hiring of a legislative lobbyist along with the other districts. He advised that there were a lot of items coming before the legislature that could be detrimental to the fire districts and we needed someone be at the sessions to lobby in our behalf. Attorney Maze reiterated that it was his opinion that we could not use tax revenue to participate in this. He based his opinion on the Attorney General's opinion regarding this.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Radio Equipment

In the budget, which was approved in May, \$21,000 was budgeted to replace the portable radio equipment. We had planned to address this matter in the fall, but we had difficulties with our radios during a large volume of runs we had earlier this week. The chief feels that the portable radios we have, many of which are at least ten years old, are unreliable. There is genuine concern for safety's sake, and it is believe that immediate replacement of portable radios is necessary for firefighter safety, along with operational efficiency. Price quotes have been obtained from three distributors. They are as follows:

Motorola Factory Direct: HT 1250 - \$686.80
Arnold Koerber (Corbin Communications): HT 1250 - \$635.00
Radio Communications Systems: HT-1250 - \$599.00

Mickey Raisor made the motion to make an emergency purchase of radios and necessary equipment from Radio Communications Systems since our radios are bad. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved purchasing new radios from Radio Communications at a cost of \$21,088.55.

2. Computer Equipment

There is a need for replacement of computer equipment. The computer at station two is so old that we can not install Windows 95 operating systems in it. The computer in the Assistant

Chief's office has had a motherboard failure and is no longer in use. The computer in the officers room, which is used for street book mapping and computer aided drafting is beginning to slow down. We have obtained price quotes to get the needed equipment. There was \$10,000 budgeted for new computer equipment. Several options were discussed. Mickey Raisor made the motion to purchase the computers with the stipulations that Chief Carlson call Dell computers and be sure that the computers requested are what we need. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase computers from Dell Computers.

3. Sedan Replacement

The budget included \$52,000 to replace two sedans. The sedans to be replaced are 1992 models. It was planned to replace these vehicles in January, when the 100,000 mile figure would occur. We have been having some mechanical problems lately and we feel that earlier replacement is in order. We have been in contact with Bill Collins Ford, and Mr. Hatfield feels that \$22,000 would be a reasonable figure for discussion purposes. The last sedans we purchased a little more than two years ago was about \$21,600. We also would like to purchase new light bars. The bars on the vehicles to be replaced are older than the cars. Light bars, siren equipment and radios should add no more than \$2,500 to each car, keeping the total cost \$3000 under budget. Ed Hogan made the motion to purchase the two sedans and light bars. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 2 new sedans and new light bars.

Trustee Hogan advised that he felt the vehicles were getting a lot of miles put on them from being driven to and from work out of the district.

4. Tax Rate Hearing

Attorney Maze advised that we will have to have a public hearing at the next board meeting concerning the tax rate. Our compensating tax rate for next year would be .093. The board approved having the hearing.

The meeting went into executive session to discuss matters of personnel.

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The meeting returned to open session. There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, and after proper motions the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hogan, Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman