

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, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219, on February 1, 2001, with the following people present:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Madonna Flood, Secretary
Jack Ragan
Bob Hughes
Joe Cissell
Kyle Brown
Asst. Chief Keith Anderson
Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
Judy Johnson, Fire Dept. Secretary

Visitors: Batt. Chief Chris Gosnell
Capt. Billy Mattingly
Laura Lindsey
Kim Vickers
Batt. Chief Cary Luker
Sgt. Jim Baker
Fire Marshal Ted Calvert

Asst. Chief Keith Anderson was sitting in for Chief Carlson who is out of town.

Attorney McGregor gave the oath of office to new Appointed Trustee Kyle Brown.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the January 4, 2001 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the January 4, 2001 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 January 2001, which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2001.....\$ 30,564.21

Deposits as of January 31, 2001.....	\$914,372.19
Disbursements as of January 31, 2001.....	\$920,419.18
Balance as of January 31, 2001.....	\$ 24,499.22

Jack Ragan made the motion to approve the report as presented. Bob Hughes seconded.

Trustee Cissell asked why the department was paying \$60 for membership in the Okolona Business and Professional Association when we aren't a business and they held their meetings in our facility. He and Bob Hughes felt that we should not be paying the dues. Dorsey Powell will check with the president of the association to see if we could be exempt.

Trustee Cissell questioned the bill from Hettinger and Shuck on the air conditioner unit.

Trustee Cissell questioned why we were paying Keyes Architects before any work was done. Trustee Hogan advised that work is being done and we agreed to pay in installments.

Board approved the treasurer's report as presented with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of January, 2001, was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

Trustee Hughes asked why Kyle Brown had an Edgewood Fire District car and and Okolona Fire District car. Kyle explained that his full time job is with Edgewood and he is a Battalion Chief for Okolona. He does not use the Edgewood car to make Okolona runs and he doesn't use the Okolona car to make Edgewood fire runs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. High Speed Internet Access

The fire departments use of the internet is becoming quite frequent. All of our state training records are submitted via the internet and that is also the direction in which submission of fire incident reports is headed. Our internet access speed is too slow to be able to do this effectively.

We would like to purchase the high speed internet service at a cost of approximately \$750. Joe Cissell made the motion to approve up to \$750 for the high speed internet service. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions up to \$750 for the purchase of a high speed internet service was approved.

B. Education Opportunities

The training bureau requests approval to send two members to the educational courses at the Fire Department Instructors Conference, in Indianapolis, at a cost of \$920. They would also like approval to send 20 members to the daily exhibits at a cost of \$700. Bob Hughes made the motion to approve both training request. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions it was approved to send two members to the classes at the FDIC and to send 20 members to the daily exhibits at a total cost of \$1620.

B. Jefferson Community College

Jefferson Community College is going to start their fire science degree program back up again. We have 5 members that wish to take a class "Introduction to Computers", which is part of the necessary curriculum for the Associate Degree in Fire Science. The cost is \$156 per each person plus books. Total cost is about \$1030. Joe Cissell made the motion to approve the classes. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions approximately \$1030 was allocated to send 5 members to the fire science computer class.

C. Knit Watch Caps

Chief Carlson would like to purchase a woolen knit toboggan for each firefighter to help keep them warm during these cold months. Price quotes as follows:

Coffmans:	75 @ \$6.75	\$506.25
Shively Sporting Goods:	75 @ \$7.50	\$562.50
First Lady:	75 @ \$8.95	\$671.25

Joe Cissell made the motion to purchase the caps from First Lady because they are in our district. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 75 toboggans from First Lady at a cost of \$671.25

D. 8094

Unit 8094, which is our service pick-up trucks, is needing a lot of engine and transmission

repairs at a cost in the neighborhood of \$4200. It is a 1988 unit and has a book value of less than \$5000. Chief Carlson mentioned our selling unit 8081, 8094 and the old 8003 vehicle and purchasing a F150 pick up truck. Trustee Cissell asked if the F150 would meet our needs and Trustee Hogan advised that he was not sure that it would in that it would not pull the trench trailer, etc. Joe Cissell made the motion to table purchasing the truck until we are sure what our needs were and what unit would meet this need. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Trustee Hogan advised that we would like to declare unit 8081, unit 8094 and the old unit 8003 surplus and sell them. Jack Ragan made the motion to declare the units surplus. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board declared unit 8081, unit 8094 and the old unit 8003 surplus and sell them.

F. Assembly Hall Use

We received a letter from Interlink Counseling requesting to use our facility for their graduation ceremony in February. They have used the facility in the past and we have had no problems with them. Trustee Cissell advised that he object to their using the hall as he has in the past. He feels they are not a non-profit organization. Ed Hogan made the motion to let them use the hall. Jack Ragan seconded. Bob Hughes and Joe Cissell objected. Ed Hogan, Madonna Flood, Jack Ragan and Kyle Brown approved. Motion approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motion it was approved to let Interlink Counseling hold their graduation ceremony in our assembly hall.

F. Verizon Pagers

Madonna Flood advised the board that our pagers are through Verizon and they have closed their local office. We will have to send any pagers needing repairs through the mail and there will be a 3 or 4 day turn around time before they are mailed back to us. She is looking into other paging companies for her work and she will advise the board what she finds.

G. Flowers

Bob Hughes advised that he will furnish the flowers to put at Preston & Outer Loop if we can get some volunteers to plan them. Laura Lindsey volunteered the ladies auxiliary to do the work.

H. Auxiliary Matters

Laura Lindsey asked the board if it would be okay for the auxiliary to cater a wedding reception for Mickey Raisor's daughter as a fund raiser? They will get permits if necessary. The board advised they had no problem with it and Attorney McGregor advised that he didn't know of any problem with them doing so.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Casualty Insurance

Our casualty insurance package is up for renewal as of April 1. If we want to seek bids we should advertise soon. Last year it was the board's preference to contact the current carrier to determine if they would be interested in renewing the current policies at the same costs. Joe Cissell made the motion to contact our current carrier again this year and if they won't continue at the same premium then we are to advertise for bids. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

B. Health Insurance

Our health insurance, for our career personnel, will be up for renewal May 1. We have requested price quotes again and hope to get them so that we can have time to make a decision. We do not know how much Anthem, which is our current carrier, will increase their rates this year. Chairman Powell suggested that perhaps we should consider changing to a plan that has a deductible but a lower premium and then the department reimburse the employee for the deductible. It could save the department money.

Miscellaneous

Trustee Hogan asked for clarification regarding repairs, etc. that need to be made and did Dorsey want to be contacted if repairs were over \$1000, which is the amount the chief is permitted to approve. Chairman Powell advised him to get prices, if over \$1000 to call him. Chairman Powell advised that we can not get phone call votes on matters because that constitutes a meeting and in order to have a special meeting we have to advertise.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Madonna Flood made the motion to adjourn. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Madonna Flood, Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman