

# 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 P.M., at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219 on Thursday, September 4, 2003 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman  
Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer  
Mr. Kyle Brown, Secretary  
Mr. Grey Vincent  
Mr. Mike Portman  
Mrs. Sue Floyd  
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District  
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District  
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors:       Sgt. Troy Kerr  
                  Sgt. Dave Lindsey  
                  Asst. Chief Cary Luker

## I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the August 7, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Grey Vincent seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the August 7, 2003 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 August, 2003 which is summarized as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b> as of August 1, 2003.....	\$586,924.04
<b>Deposits</b> as of August 31, 2003.....	\$ 81,642.54
<b>Withdrawals</b> as of August 31, 2003.....	\$254,408.60
<b>Ending Balance</b> as of August 31, 2003.....	\$414,157.98

Mike Portman made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Grey Vincent seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

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***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to accept the treasurer's report as presented and make it a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.***

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Sale of Surplus Explorer**

Sealed bids have been received on the surplus Explorer. Secretary Brown opened the bids which are as follows:

Larry Lauder	\$3,525
John Gillespie	\$4,210
Eric Newman	\$3,851
Jerry Rabalais	\$2,752
Ralph Weible	\$3,150
Dave Goldsmith	\$2,920
James Casey	\$3,360.80

Kyle Brown made the motion to sell the Explorer to John Gillespie for \$4,210 with the sale being completed in the time specified. Mike Portman seconded. Kyle amended his motion to include that if the first bidder doesn't complete the sale that it goes to the second high bidder. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved the motion and amended motion with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to sell the Explorer to John Gillespie for \$4,210.***

#### **B. Public Tax Hearing**

The purpose of this hearing is to set the tax rate on real and personal property for the coming year. It is the intention of the board to maintain the tax rate of 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 of assessed value, which is the same rate we have had for many years. This is a public hearing to allow members of the community to ask any questions they may have. This hearing was advertised in the Courier Journal.

There being no questions from the community, Kyle Brown made the motion to set the tax rate on real and personal property at 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 of assessed value. Grey Vincent seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board set the tax rate for***  
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*the coming year on real and personal property at 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 of assessed value.*

### **C. Knights of Columbus Lot**

Jack Ragan advised the board that the Knights of Columbus would like to have the poles that are on the property. The board had no problems with them having the poles.

### **D. Firefighter Trustee**

Kyle Brown advised the board that we had an election by the firefighters to select a firefighter trustee representative to replace Ed Hogan on the board. The firefighters elected Troy Kerr. The paper work has been completed and sent to the Mayor requesting that he appoint Troy.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

There is a need to purchase 10 second stage regulators for SCBA units. These are spares for use when others are being serviced. The cost is \$299 each. They are a single source item. Jack Ragan made the motion to purchase the regulators. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 10 regulators at a cost of \$299 each.*

### **B. Unit 8081**

Unit 8081 is the former Black Mudd unit 6081. It is a truck that has a lot of compartment space. The plans are to make this into a well equipped rescue unit. We would like to install a trailer hitch so that the trench rescue trailer can be pulled. We have a quote from AW Dukes, on Industrial Blvd., to install a hitch. The amount is not to exceed \$3,000. Mike Portman asked if we would use this as an all purpose truck with the hitch. Rich advised that it would have specialized rescue equipment on it, spare air bottles, structural collapse equipment, etc. Jack Ragan made the motion to have the hitch put on the unit. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to have a trailer hitch installed on Unit 8081 by AW Dukes, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.*

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### **C. AFLAC Insurance**

The career firefighters have expressed an interest in the AFLAC Insurance plans that have been offered. These would be payroll deduction plans. The district would withhold the premiums from the payroll and then send a district check to the company. Attorney Maze advised that we could set this up on the cafeteria plan. The board's approval to join this plan is requested. Sue Floyd asked if the board members were eligible. Jason McGregor advised that they would have to pay in advance and it would have to be no cost to the district. The board approved the AFLAC coverage and cafeteria plan.

### **D. Accidental Death Policy**

Kyle Brown advised that there had been an accident death and dismemberment policy for the Jefferson County firefighters, that was paid for by county government. They did not budget for it this year and the coverage is going to drop. We can purchase this coverage for our members for approximately \$1300 per year. Kyle made the motion to contact Rick Kirby and continue the coverage if the rate doesn't exceed \$1500. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to continue the insurance policy at a cost not to exceed \$1500 per year.***

### **E. Miscellaneous**

Mike Portman asked if we had any responsibilities for the cemetery behind station 1. Rich Carlson advised that we had to allow an easement to the cemetery off Trio. That is why the garage was moved up into the parking lot more. We don't own the property the cemetery is on. Mike Portman will do some research on this.

### **Pension Litigation**

Jason McGregor advised that the pension summary judgment has been filed. They have filed a reply. We have to give them another response. He hopes to file the response tomorrow. The judge will have 90 days to make his decision. We'll have 30 days to appeal if the judge finds against us. He asked if the board wanted to appeal if the judge finds against us. He also feels that the other parties will appeal if the decision goes against them. Chairman Powell asked for a roll call vote which was as follows:

Kyle Brown - appeal  
Mike Portman - appeal  
Sue Floyd - appeal  
Jack Ragan - appeal  
Grey Vincent - appeal  
Dorsey Powell - appeal.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the motion to adjourn was made by Grey Vincent and seconded by Mike Portman. The board approved and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyle Brown, Secretary

ATTESTED:

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Dorsey Powell, Chairman