

## **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., on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40219 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman  
Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer  
Mr. Kyle Brown, Secretary  
Mr. Grey Vincent  
Mrs. Sue Floyd  
Mr. Troy Kerr  
Mr. Mike Portman  
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District  
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District  
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary  
Mrs. Rochelle Evans, Fire Department Assistant Secretary

Visitors: Mr. Matt Batchelder, Courier Journal  
Mr. Doug Sharp, Edgewood Chairman  
Mr. Ron Keehner, Edgewood Fire Dept.  
Mr. Robin Hicks, Edgewood Fire Dept.  
Mrs. Ellie Hicks, Edgewood Fire Dept.  
Sgt. Keith Durbin  
Asst. Chief Chris Gosnell  
Fire Marshal Mike Allendorf  
Asst. Chief Tab Baechle  
Firefighter Tommy Burgett  
Sgt. David Lindsey  
Asst. Chief Cary Luker  
Firefighter Rob Barrett

### **I. ADMINISTRATION**

The minutes of the April 1, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the April 1, 2004 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 April, 2004 which is summarized as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b> as of April 1, 2004.....	\$ 1,777,054.63
<b>Deposits</b> as of April 30, 2004.....	\$ 324,226.68
<b>Withdrawals</b> as of April 30, 2004.....	\$ 292,858.86
<b>Ending Balance</b> as of April 30, 2004.....	\$ 1,808,422.45

Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Troy Kerr seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of April 2004 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.***

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update on Trustee Election and Appointment**

Chief Carlson advised that Chairman Powell's name was the only name submitted to the mayor for appointment. No other names were brought to the Chief's attention.

At the end of the filing period for property owner trustee, the only nomination form was from Grey Vincent. Attorney Maze advised that we still needed to open the election but only one vote for Grey Vincent would be required and voting could be closed. According to our by-laws we do not permit write ins.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Budget Proposal**

The chief has prepared the budget proposal for the fiscal year 2004-2005 and it was delivered to the board members for their review earlier this week. Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the budget proposal as presented. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the budget proposal for fiscal year 2004-2005 was approved. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.***

Assistant Chief Chris Gosnell, our training officer, made a presentation on the county wide

training facility located in Fern Creek. He would like for the board to approve our becoming an associate member. The cost to the department would be \$50,000 initially and then \$10,000 per year. The original 6 fire departments would be the voting departments but association members would have input. Chris advised that Republic Bank has offered to lend the \$50,000 at 4.55% interest over 60 months, with payments to be \$11,425.53 annually. Chairman Powell asked Attorney Maze if we could spend money outside our district. Attorney Maze advised that he believed we could. It was requested that Chris find out about early payoff penalty on the loan and also find about funding protection in the event the corporation fails. Chief Carlson was asked if we had the funding for this. Chief advised that he would like for us to look at the budget at the December meeting before making a decision. The board approved tabling this until a later date.

### **B. Copier - Station 3**

The copy machine at station 3 is old and is in need of replacement. We have received 3 price quotes as follows:

Ikon Office Solutions - Purchase price is \$4,157. The maintenance agreement is approximately \$65.60 per month based on 4,000 copies per month. Lease options range as follows: 36 month/\$110.57 plus maintenance agreement. 48 months/\$93.95 plus maintenance agreement. The maintenance agreement has a fair market value buyout at end of lease.

Duplicator Sales & Service - Purchase price is \$3,969. The maintenance agreement is approximately \$41.00 based on 3,000 copies per month. Lease options range as follows: 36 month/\$126 plus maintenance agreement, 48 month/\$98.00 plus maintenance agreement. The excess copy charge of .0135 per copy over 3,000.

Miller Company - Purchase price is \$3,050.00 plus maintenance agreement. Lease options range as follows: 35 month/\$105.00 plus maintenance agreement, 48 months/\$86.00 plus maintenance agreement.

Chris Gosnell recommended purchasing the Ikon unit and maintenance agreement. It appears that in the long run, purchasing is less expensive when adding the buyout at the end. Kyle Brown made the motion to purchase the unit and maintenance agreement from Ikon. Sue Floyd seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved purchasing a copy machine and maintenance agreement from Ikon Office Solutions at a cost of \$4,157 plus \$65.60 per month maintenance.***

### **C. Air Conditioner - Station 2**

One of the station 2 air conditioner units has a bad compressor. F. S. Schardein has given us a price of \$1,100 to repair the unit or \$1,300 to install a new unit. Mike Portman made the motion to have the unit replaced. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to have the air conditioner unit at station 2 replaced at a cost of \$1,300.***

Chief Carlson advised that the water heater at station 2 has also gone bad. The initial quote was under \$1,000 and he approved the replacement, however it now appears it will cost \$1,300 to replace it. Jack Ragan made the motion to have Quire Plumbing replace the water heater at a cost of \$1,300. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to have Quire Plumbing replace the water heater at station 2 at a cost of \$1,300.***

#### **D. Edgewood Fire District Merger**

Doug Sharp, chairman of the board of trustees of the Edgewood Fire Protection District, requested to be heard. He presented a formal request from the Edgewood Fire Protection District, voted on at their April 2004 meeting, to request that the Okolona Fire Protection District merge with the Edgewood Fire Protection District effective July 1, 2005. After hearing the proposal, Chairman Powell appointed a committee to study the feasibility of this merger. The committee will be Jack Ragan, Chairman, Mike Portman, Troy Kerr and Chief Carlson. They will meet with the Edgewood planning committee and bring a proposal back to the full board.

Chief Carlson advised the board that he had talked with a number of Okolona members about the possibility of this merger and there were only 2 people out of all the ones he spoke with that were adamantly against the merger. The major concern expressed by those he spoke with was that the merger not adversely effect the fire district financially and their ability to compensate the employees, etc.

Grey Vincent made the motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and possible litigation. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

After returning to open session, Kyle Brown made the motion to allow the Chief to appoint 3 shift supervisors, two of which will have the rank of Battalion Chief. These two will receive 1/2 the rank pay supplement of the Assistant Chief position until such time as the Chief approves moving them to Assistant Chief and it is approved by the board of trustees. Jack Ragan seconded the motion. Board approved with no opposition.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire

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Protection District, motion was made by Mike Portman to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jack Ragan and approved with no opposition.. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyle Brown, Secretary

Attested:

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Dorsey Powell, Chairman