

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 September 4, 2008 with the following individuals present:

- Mr. Ed Hogan, Acting Chairman
- Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer
- Mr. Lonnie Thurman
- Mr. Cary Luker, Secretary
- Mr. Troy Kerr
- Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
- Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
- Mrs. Rochelle Evans, Fire Department Secretary

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the August 7, 2008 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 August 7, 2008 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 2008 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance: as of August 1, 2008.....	\$212,502.90
Deposits as of August 1, 2008.....	\$253,394.71
Withdrawals as of August 1, 2008.....	\$371,386.44
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2008.....	\$94,511.17

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

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of August 2008 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. TAX RATE HEARING

A public Tax Rate hearing was held at 7:05 pm to discuss the setting of the tax rate for the coming year on both personal and real property. The public hearing was advertised according to statutes. The tax rate for the previous years has been 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 of assessed value on both real estate and personal property including aircraft and watercraft, along with documented watercraft inventory in transit. It is the desire of the board to continue that same rate for the coming year. Mike Portman made the motion to set the tax rate on real estate at 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 and the tax rate on personal property at 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 including automobiles, watercraft, aircraft, watercraft inventory in transit and intangible goods. Jack Ragan seconded the motion. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board set the tax rate for the coming year on all real and personal property including automobiles, watercraft, aircraft and watercraft inventory in transit and intangible goods at 10.0 (ten) cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The public tax hearing adjourned at 7:10 pm.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Use of Service Vehicle for EMS and other responses.

For board informational purposes only, the Chief advised that after two months of data the use of a service vehicle to respond to EMS calls along with other public service runs appears to show an annualized savings of about \$34,000.00 per year.

B. Bereavement Leave

Chief Carlson has submitted an alternate proposal to the bereavement leave as tabled at the August 2008 meeting. The proposal and the memo are attached. Lonnie Thurman made the motion to accept the Bereavement Leave as proposed by Chief Carlson. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board to accept the bereavement Leave Policy as presented and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

C. New Sergeant Positions

Scott Evans and Mark Little are recommended for promotion to Sergeant. This was previously discussed at the August 2008 meeting. Cary Luker made the motion to promote Scott Evans and Mark Little to the rank of Sergeant. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved promotions of Scott Evans and Mark Little to the rank of Sergeant and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

D. Jack Ragan New business

Jack Ragan, Treasurer reported that the 50,000.00 Certificate of Deposit was rolled into a new certificate of deposit.

V. New Business

A. School Request

The training bureau requests approval for Jody Craig to attend a “Legal Aspects of the Fire Service” class to assist his obtaining his Bachelor degree in fire science. The cost is \$585.00. There is a balance of \$18,221.00 in the training schools account.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved Jody Craig to take a “Legal Aspects of the Fire Service” class and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

B. Resignation of Career Firefighter

Firefighter Cameron Taylor has submitted his resignation to accept employment as a federal firefighter at the Bluegrass Army Depot. The hiring committee has been reassembled of Cary Luker and Mike Portman. The previous applicants will be used for consideration.

VI. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Cary Luker made the motion to enter into executive session. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the Board of Trustees entered into executive session and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

1. Re-entry to open session

The board re-entered open session at 7:44 pm and during said Executive session Cary Luker made the motion to conditionally discharge Firefighter Scott Shofners' 26 week suspension ending at week 21. If any other disciplinary actions occur during the next

one (1) year the excused five (5) days will be reinstated. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the Board of Trustees made the motion to conditionally discharge Firefighter Scott Shofners' 26 week suspension ending at week 21. If any other disciplinary actions occur during the next one (1) year the excused five (5) days will be reinstated, this was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further matters for discussion Troy Kerr made the motion to adjourn. Mike Portman seconded. The September 2008 Board of Trustee meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Luker, Secretary

Attested:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman