



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

January 24, 2022

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **3:30 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson
Larry Howell, Commissioner (via phone)
Dennis Bates, Asst. Fire Chief
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Shane Yoakum, BC Podcast (via Zoom)
Bill Reed
John Derderian, PIO
Tanner Elston
Tyler Perkins

Absent: Steve Rouse, Commissioner; Ron Duncan, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 01-24-2022.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 01-10-2022.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated January 24, 2022, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated January 10, 2022. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **02-07-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- 02-12-22, Tri County Meeting, 9:00 AM, STA 210
- **02-14-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- **02-21-22, HOLIDAY: Presidents Day, Office Closed**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6802-101:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$43,213.39;
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$46,021.11.

The following Bill Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6802-101:

January 2022 – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$17,496.46.
13th Month 2021 – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$17,928.51.

Grand total \$124,659.47

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$43,213.39, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$46,021.11, Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$35,424.97; for a Grand Total of \$124,659.47. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.

CITY OF BENTON CITY:

- Councilperson Bill Reed – couple of big projects right now. First is Ben franklin Transit improvements adding more bus stops, new routes, and new route times in hopes to increase ridership. Second is water and sewer new projects. Old sewer line being replaced with new. May cause some traffic diversion while they are underway.



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PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Benton County GIS Drone Project – Table for later meeting.

FINANCIALS: Financials up through December 2021.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Dennis Bates, *Asst Fire Chief* –

- Washington State Rating Bureau (WSRB) will be here to grade our fire department again. Should do well. Might take a hit this year without the SAFER grant staffing, but there will be an improvement toward the additional new equipment we now have.
- No COVID related issues. We did have all three paramedics out following COVID procedures but that is all completed. Our health and Safety officer is doing a great job guiding us through all of this.
- Currently getting the boat completed and in service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *Hold.*
- PIO and Safety – John Derderian
 - Completed the “thank you community video” and they are loaded on social media and website
 - Safety – Touched on COVID round that hit the department. All three shift medics out at the same time for a total of 9 shifts. A couple residents have been out as well as volunteers. We are tracking everyone, and they are cleared prior to coming back to district.
 - PIO – BC podcast contact me about doing more fire-break monthly videos.
 - Safety – annual safety report has been sent to Chief. Injuries are down from the year before.
- Conferences – Leadership Conference (March 2-4) – *Cancelled*
- Appreciation Dinner – March 26, 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

- Excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners' Meeting dated 01-24-2022.

Chairperson Orth moved excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners' Meeting dated 01-24-2022. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.

PERSONNEL: *None.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chairperson Orth seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Attested:

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CAREN I. WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

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BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

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LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

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LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER