



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

October 17, 2024

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **4:06 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, *Chairperson*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner (4.15 PM)*
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

Bill Reed
Jeannie Howell
Cpt. Kale Guerin
Cpt. Scott Hawley

ABSENT: Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 10-17-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10-07-2024.
- Approval of the Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated 10-16-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated October 17, 2024, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated October 7, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting dated October 16, 2024. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10-19-2024, Benton City Leadership Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Desert Rose
- 10-23-2024, State Conference (23-26), Spokane, Wa
- **11-04-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- 11-11-2024, HOLIDAY: Veterans Day, Office Closed
- **11-21-2024, Public Hearing Meeting for 2025 Budget, 3:30 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- **11-21-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund **6821-101**:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$38,938.64,
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$40,943.31,
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$13,963.06,

Grand Total of \$93,845.01

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$38,938.64, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$40,943.31, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$13,963.06; for a Grand Total of \$93,845.01. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*



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CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed*

- Urban growth expansion – new expansion of city limits, water system review. Department of Commerce approval. School capacity conversations.
- County to give whole road behind high school to City.
- DOT to change the 35 MPH speed limit area from OIE to Corral Creek to 25 MPH.
- Project – sidewalk from elementary school to high school. Safe schools project. Crossing lights.
- New Roundabout DOT possibility – 7th and Babs

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *Financials up through September 2024.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Chief Dormaier*

- Chief Bates out sick.
- Promotion to Captain: Kale Guerin
- Paramedic applications: 3 received. All under review.
- Firefighter on the month for Tri Cities: Brayden Mooney
- Donation to Association

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – Doors and Phone line to new captains' office.
- PIO – *None.*
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None.*
- State Commissioner Conference, Spokane, WA (10/23-10/26)
 - Attendees: Orth, Rouse, Bates, Wheeler

BUDGET 2025:

- Budget Workshop Date – October 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM.
- **Public Hearing Date – November 21, 2024, at 3:30 PM.**
- Admin contract salaries to increase 8% for 2025.

Commissioner Howell moved to increase admin contract salaries by 8% effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Rouse second and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL: New Training Captain: Kale Guerin

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:43 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER