

Clafin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 10, 2020

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 10th day of August 2020, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Kenny Schremmer, Commissioner, 1st District, Chairman
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor
Doug Hubbard, Clafin Fire Chief

Members attending via phone / Teams:

Don Davis, Commissioner, 3rd District

Members absent:

Homer Kruckenber, Commissioner, 2nd District

BUDGET HEARING 10:30 A.M.

BUDGET HEARING: 2021 Operating Budget:

-Fire District Officials were asked to submit a preliminary budget request for the 2021 Operating Year. It now presented to receive public comment.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, said this budget has a mill decrease of just under .2 mills. The district had a valuation decrease of 1.1 million and increased cash carry-forward in the beginning of 2020 of approximately \$17,000.

Commissioner Schartz asked how the mill levy went down if the value also decreased. Patzner said they had increased cash carry-forward.

Doug Hubbard, Clafin Fire Chief, said even with the .178 decrease it will still bring in an additional \$8,000. Hubbard said he did not want to decrease the budget because he would like to transfer to reserves at year-end to eventually upgrade of the radio system.

Commissioner Daily asked what the radio expense would be. Hubbard said approximately \$70,000. Daily asked if there was enough money on hand. Hubbard said not yet but are planning another transfer at year-end and are also looking at available grants.

Commissioner Schremmer asked how much they are short. Hubbard said they have about \$70,000 right now but does not want to completely deplete reserves. Hubbard said they would like another tower so they could use the radios inside buildings and noted mobile radios work fine but have trouble when working inside buildings or on the fringes.

Commissioner Daily asked if they have given any thought to mobile radio repeaters. Hubbard said yes, but they are very expensive and would need more than one. Hubbard said they are saving funds for radios now where they had been saving for trucks for the past several years. The last truck has been put into service.

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Commissioner Daily asked if they get any support from the City of Claflin. Hubbard said no, the city has their own fire department and have had for years. The city patrons are part of the Claflin Fire District and pay on the same mill levy. Hubbard said the city invested in their new building and the fire district gets free water and sewer services.

Commissioner Schremmer said what about the cave for people to go into during storms? Hubbard said occasionally you can tell people have gone in there. It is always unlocked. Hubbard said it is an above-ground shelter and noted they sweep it out periodically.

Information Only. No Action Required.

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to close the budget hearing at 10:45 A.M.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schremmer called the meeting to order at 10:46 A.M.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADOPTION OF THE 2021 FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:

-The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2021 Operating Budget was conducted prior to this Regular Meeting. The Governing Body is now asked to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

Matt Patzner, Finance Officer, asked the board to consider adoption.

Commissioner Daily moved to adopt the 2021 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1 as published.
Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

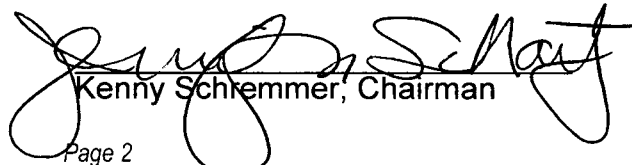
There was no other business.

V. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 10:48 A.M.
Commissioner Daily seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

TEST:


Donna Zimmerman
Barton County Clerk


Kenny Schremmer, Chairman