

# Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 23, 2021

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 23rd day of August 2021, at the Barton County Courthouse.

*Members present:*

Kirby Krier, Commissioner, 1st District  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District  
James R. Daily, Commissioner, 4th District, Chairman  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner, 5th District  
Donna Zimmerman, County Clerk  
Phil Hathcock, County Administrator  
Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Chief  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

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## REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING

At 12:04 P.M. Commissioner Krier moved to go into Volunteer Fire Meeting, Fire District No. 1 with the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING: 2022 Operating Budget:

-The requirement to hold a Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing was passed into law in 2021. The revenue neutral rate is the tax rate that would generate the same total property tax in dollars for the Fire District as the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Finance Officer, said the revenue neutral rate for Fire District No. 1 is calculated at 3.444 mills and the proposed 2022 rate is 4.092.

Commissioner Hutchinson said they are going up, can you provide an explanation?

Patzner said the expenditure authority stayed the same. They started out 2021 with more cash carry-forward than they anticipate they will start with in 2022.

Commissioner Hutchinson said but with a higher valuation, there should have been more there. Patzner said slightly higher valuation, \$17,289,225 in 2021 and proposed \$17,392,760 in 2022.

Information Only. No Action Required.

At 12:06 A.M. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## BUDGET HEARING

At 12:06 A.M. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to enter into the Budget Hearing.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **BUDGET HEARING: 2022 Operating Budget:**

-Fire District officials were asked to submit a preliminary budget request for the 2022 Operating Year. It is now presented to receive public comment.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Finance Officer, said the Notice of Hearing was published with an estimated tax rate of 4.092 mills and the same budget authority as the current year at \$93,000. Patzner said the proposed 2021 Ad Valorem Tax will generate \$71,175.

Chief Doug Hubbard said they have already discussed the upcoming purchases and right now they are getting caught up from the radio purchases.

Information Only. No Action Required.

At 12:08 P.M. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to close the Budget Hearing.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Daily called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M.

Commissioner Krier moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Schartz moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. RESOLUTION 2021-02: A Resolution of the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate:**

-The proposed 2022 Operating Budget is funded at a mill levy of 4.092. The Revenue Neutral Rate for Fire District No. 1 is calculated at 3.444 mills.

Commissioner Schartz moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02, A Resolution of the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

### **B. ADOPTION OF THE 2022 FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:**

-The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2022 Operating Budget was conducted prior to this Regular Meeting. The Governing Body is now asked to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to adopt the 2022 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1.

Commissioner Schartz seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## **ADDED ITEM C. KANSAS FORESTRY GRANT: Volunteer Fire Assistance – Portable Fire Pump:**

Commissioner Daily moved to add this item to the agenda.

Commissioner Krier seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Chief Hubbard said wasn't this grant approved at the meeting last week?

Matt Patzner said the motion was made with a transposed number. They are just correcting the line number and explained it needs to be paid from Fire District No. 1 Fund, Vehicular Equipment Line, 055-50-6205

Commissioner Krier moved in reference to the August 23, 2021, motion of the Fire District reference \$3,403.27 purchase of a portable fire pump and accessories from Emergency Fire Equipment, the cost is to be paid from the Fire District No. 1 Fund, Vehicular Equipment Line, 055-50-6205.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Comm Krier: Do you have a fire truck for sale?
- Chief Hubbard: The fire truck belongs to the City of Claflin.

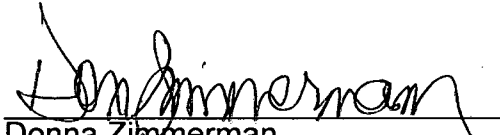
## **V. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Schartz made a motion to adjourn at 12:13 P.M.

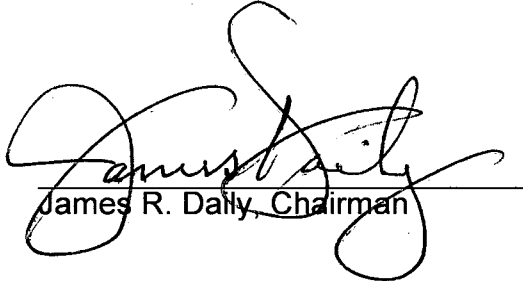
Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Donna Zimmerman  
Barton County Clerk



James R. Daily, Chairman

**RESOLUTION 2021-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

**WHEREAS**, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1 was calculated as 3.444 mills by the Barton County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposed by the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board held a hearing on August 23, 2021, allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1: that the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 3.444 mills.

**FURTHER**, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Board.

**ADOPTED** this 23rd day of August, 2021 and **SIGNED** by the Governing Board.


FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

  
James R. Daily, Chairman

  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner

  
Kirby Krier, Commissioner


  
Jennifer Schartz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Donna Zimmerman,  
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Patrick Hoffman,  
County Counselor