

CHARLTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
FOLKSTON FIRE STATION
6:00 P.M.

9/25/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: President Lee Gowen, along with Fire Board members Jesse Crews, Orival Thompson, Mike Harris, and Kip Taylor; Fire Chief C. L. Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief Williard Turner; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; Secretary Jenifer Nobles; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Gowen led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Crews made motion to adopt the September 25, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Taylor made motion to approve the May 22, 2023 and July 24, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Crews made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. GUESTS

None.

7. REPORTS: GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION: ROGER TODD

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry, reported the kbi is 5.15, wildfires in July - burning 74 acres yesterday. The perimeter interior needs rain or re-burn. 1 transport and 2 tractors are down.

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None.

9. REPORTS:

Status of Truck Repairs- Chief Lewis reported that front end parts have been ordered.

Youth Program- There are currently 4 members in Youth Program, Fall Festival is scheduled for October 21, and St. George Christmas Parade will be held in December. State training for the Youth Program is being

looked into.

10. PERSONNEL REPORT

C. L. Lewis, Fire Chief reported that last Thursday, a total of 11 applicants were contracted and 1 showed up. 5 applicants are awaiting completion of physicals. Currently, there are 36 support and volunteer firefighters.

11. FIRE RUN REPORTS BY TYPES (ENCLOSED IN HANDOUT)

For period 08/01 - 08/31, there were a total of 123 runs.

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT

Rayonier has been contacted concerning available property for proposed Bend Fire Station.

Racepond Fire Station roof has been completed, awaiting on insurance certificate for painting of fire station.

In discussion, Mr. Taylor asked how many hours Amanda Lafferty spends on computer, while processing data for volunteer fire runs. Mr. Lewis responded, probably 40 hours per week. Mr. Taylor asked the Board if they feel she should be compensated? After discussion, Mr. Taylor recommended to the BOC to advertise position for a part time Administrative Assistant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Williard Turner, Assistant Chief asked how do firefighters collect money that other counties received for special events (example - storms, fires, etc.) Mr. Raulerson asked C. L. to e mail copies of policy for compensation for special events in order to discuss same at next meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

14. DISCUSS NEXT MEETING DATE

The Board agreed to have next meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023 in St. George.

15. ADJOURN

Mr. Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.