# WESTVIEW – FAIRFOREST FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

# JANUARY 26, 2021 7:00 PM STATION 1

#### **MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT:	Scott Garrett, Chief Tracy Williams, Asst. Chief	Karen Osorio, Admin. Generalist
COMMISSIONERS:	Kim Jolley, Chairwoman Todd Gilmore, Commissioner Jeffrey Lehrer, Commissioner	Jimmy Trout, Vice-Chairman Bobby Wilder, Commissioner
OTHER GUEST:	None	

#### Meeting Called To Order: Chairwoman Jolley

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2020 and NOVEMBER 2020 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Jolley asked for questions on the minutes before motion made.

*Motion to approve* the September, 2020 and November, 2020minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> by Vice-Chairman Trout, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lehrer.

Vote: All / Yes - Minutes Approved

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FINANCIALS**

Chairwoman Jolley asked Chief Garrett to go over the December 2020 Financials.

SunTrust	\$	524,204.10
SC LGIP	\$	2,365,346.15
Rescue 3	\$	31,033.27
Synovus	<u>\$</u>	666.30
	\$	2,921,305.10

Chief Garrett stated we had already received 2 large checks from the county for this year's budget, the one Karen deposited today was for over \$865,000. He told the Commissioners he wanted to wait until most of the larger checks came in and would ask for the majority of the money to be move the SCLGIP account to draw interest. He stated drawing some interest is better than drawing no interest at all.

# **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

# FINANCIALS (continued)

On the December Financials, Chief Garrett stated that we were over in Salaries – due to a 3 pay-period month; Administration – Teresa from LMH stated they caught up on the depreciation and now we were current; Operations – Our Emergency Reporting and Target Solutions training software annual fees both came due; Vehicle Expense – we had preventative maintenance completed on trucks, ladder testing done, Ladder 32 had brakes and hubs repaired, and a set of extra tire purchased, due to a six weeks wait to get a set since production is down. Also our Training Budget was over due to the purchase of building material for a class.

Chairwoman Jolley asked for a motion to approve the December 2020 Financials.

*Motion to approve* the December, 2020 Financials 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Lehrer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Trout.

# Vote: All / Yes – Financials Approved

# STATION 2

Chief Garrett went over issues at Station 2. He stated when we had all the rain a couple months earlier, we had several leaks around the stucco at Station 2. He finally found someone to look at the issues - Mr. Helms, with Helms and Company, who told him we needed to do a moisture test for the station – which cost \$600. Mr. Helms stated we had a lot of moisture in station 2 and inside the building. Chief Garrett presented a quote from Mr. Helms to replace the stucco with a new stucco, as what we have is Styrofoam stucco. No one can replace with Styrofoam now – insurance will not cover it so policies have cancelled coverage for it.

Chairwoman Jolley asked if could be replaced with Hardy Board? Chief Garrett stated that it would be very expensive and he really was not sure.

Question asked about the warranty – Chief Garrett stated it would be a 15 year warranty.

Assistant Chief Williams asked if both sides of Station 2 would also have to be replaced since they had stucco only. Chief Garrett stated that Mr. Helms told him they were not damaged. Chairwoman Jolley wanted to be sure to look in to this so we would not have to go back and do a 2<sup>nd</sup> repair.

Chief Garrett also presented 2 quotes for roof repair for Station 1, one from Cannon Roofing and one from Pickens Roofing. It would be for a metal roof. The roof needs to be replaced, it has damage to it and has never been replaced.

Chief Garrett asked the Board for their opinion on the repairs / replacement on the presentations.

Commissioner Lehrer suggested we look at other alternatives for the stucco; he said it still may be the best option, but to look at other options.

Chairwoman Jolley agreed with Commissioner Lehrer and also to check references and the BBB.

# **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Chief Garrett told the board that he had in this year's budget to hire 3 more people, but due to the cost of the issues with the stucco and roof, he wanted to hold off on this until next year's budget.

Chairwoman Jolley asked Chief Garrett about the number of Covid 19 calls the department was running and the number of calls over all.

Chief Garrett stated we were running a lot of fire calls, MVA's and Covid call. He stated if we are running a difficulty breathing or shortness of breath call – it's a Covid call.

Chairwoman Jolley asked about our own departments Covid-19 cases. Chief Garrett stated that we have had a few out with it but nothing drastic.

Chief Garrett told the Board that he had purchased air purifying machines designed by NASA that will kill the Covid, SARS and other viruses within 30 seconds. There is one in each building (2 at station 1), and one in each Engine / Ladder. He felt it was well worth it for our employees.

Chairwoman Jolley asked for further business or comments – none.

Motion to Adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> by Commissioner Lehrer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Trout.

Vote: All / Yes – Meeting Adjourned