

Fire District 16
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- September 14, 2015
Meeting Place- 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley

Attendance-
Commissioners- Mike Woelke, Rick Baker, Bob Bauer
Fire Chief- Gene Jones, Treasurer- Glenna Jones, Secretary- Ken Thompson
Public- Pam and Lyman Skow

6:00 PM- Mike brought the meeting to order and discussed tonight's agenda. Mike made a motion to approve the August 10th minutes. Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Public comments-
Pat and Lyman Skow ask the commissioners what is required to be annexed into the fire district. They are willing to help with the annexation process. Cleo has a packet of information about the process. Rick will get the packet of information to the Skow's and help answer any questions they have.

The Skows expressed their thanks to the fire district for all their work done to help save their home and the entire Aeneas Valley area from two very large fires in the area.

Glenna provided the treasurer's report-

County Account

\$39,175.00	Balance at beginning of month
\$ 7,523.40	Bills paid
\$15,477.00	Income
\$ 256.47	Income from taxes
\$47,385.07	Balance at end of month

Savings Account

\$25,048.38	Balance at beginning of month
\$ 2.94	Interest paid
\$25,051.32	Balance at end of month

Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-

\$13,511.63

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve funding for these bills, which will be submitted to the County for payment via a voucher dated 09/14/2015. Year-to-date financial information can be viewed at http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/district_info/minutes_budget_info (then click on **Year to date financial info**).

Glenna reported she received \$2,500 in donations to the fire district. These donations will be reflected in next month's treasurer's report

Gene provided the fire chief's report-

- Gene summarized the fire district's activities on a major disaster- the two very large fires in the area- North Star Fire and Tunk Block Fire. Gene provided two dozers to help fight the fires. Six apparatus

and crews from the fire district were used between the two fires. Fire District 16 fighters also help evacuate the entire Aeneas Valley when the two dangerous fires threatened the area. Gene also reported a 3/4 acre spot fire in the Patterson Creek area of the fire district was extinguished. Several 911 calls about smoke sightings were investigated.

- The fires are still actively burning but the threat has been substantially reduced.
- The fire district responded to one aid call this month.
- Gene is working on the large amount of paperwork required for billing for equipment and personnel.

The commissioners and everyone else at the meeting expressed their gratitude for the excellent job Gene, Shane and all the Aeneas Valley Fire Fighters have done during this fire disaster.

Old Business-

- Because of the fires, no work was completed on the storage building or the inventory tracking system.
- Gene led a discussion about a pending equipment purchase for SCBA equipment as part of a grant. Gene will continue to review the bids for the equipment and make a decision soon.
- After discussing the pending SCBA equipment purchase Mike made a motion to approve Gene purchasing the equipment he decided on. Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to authorize Gene to purchase the equipment of his choice. Mike ask Gene to provide written reasons for his equipment choice.

New business-

- Mike discussed several pending projects for the fire district and suggested the projects be prioritized. Mike ask the group to provide any additional projects and be ready to address priorities. Mike also ask attendees to consider equipment lost as a result of fighting these large fires also be considered when providing priorities. Mike ask that priorities be sent to him and he will compile a list.
- Mike ask about conducting an "After Action Report" (AAR) on our response to the very large fires in the area. The idea will be presented to the fire fighters at training next Wednesday.
- Mike ask about creating a newsletter about the large area fires and the fire district's involvement in the suppression of these fires. A community meeting at the Aeneas Valley Store after the fires activity has slowed was also suggested. The action will be tabled until there is time to address this issue.

Our next commissioners meeting will be the 2016 budget meeting and is scheduled for October 12th at 6:00 PM at 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Rick.

7:05 PM- The meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner