

Fire District 16  
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- June 11th, 2018  
Meeting Place- 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley

Attendance-

Commissioners- Mike Woelke, Rick Baker, Denise Binnie  
Fire Chief- Gene Jones, Treasurer- Glenna Jones, Secretary- Ken Thompson

6:00 PM- Mike brought the meeting to order and discussed tonight's agenda. Mike added a couple of items to tonight's agenda. Mike then made a motion to approve the May 14th minutes. Denise seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Glenna provided the May treasurer's report-

**County Account**

\$ 52,000.46 Balance at the beginning of the month  
\$ 2,916.14 Bills paid  
\$ 9,503.26 Tax income  
\$ 58,587.58 Balance at the end of the month

**Savings Account**

\$ 25,428.85 Balance at the beginning of the month  
\$ 32.77 Interest paid  
\$ 25,461.62 Balance at the end of the month

**Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-**

\$ 815.95

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Denise 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 05/14/2018. Year-to-date financial information can be viewed at [http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/district\\_info/minutes\\_budget\\_info](http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/district_info/minutes_budget_info) (then click on **Year to date financial info**).

Gene provided the fire chief's report-

- The fire district responded to two aid calls, one vehicle rollover accident, and one wild land fire last month.

Old Business-

- Mike reported there are no new updates on the training room.

New business-

- Mike reported he may not run again for his commissioners position when it expires in 2020. We need to begin planning on who could replace Mike and who could pick up the duties Mike has been responsible for. For example-
  - State audit
  - Annual State budget

- Radios and pagers
- Grants and other admin functions

Denise reported she may be able to assume some of the Microsoft Excel software data processing Mike has been using.

Mike also reported we need to assess the fire district equipment he has at his home and decide how to disperse it. This may lead to a storage space concern for the district.

Mike also suggested the fire district should become more self-sufficient and not depend exclusively on the same few volunteers.

- The commissioners discussed installing signs that identify the location of the fire station. These discussions will continue at our next meeting.
- Mike discussed the FMAG grant.
- The group discussed the recent phone outage that lasted 2 1/2 days for the entire Aeneas Valley. Frontier Telecommunications did not address the phone outage in a timely manner putting the entire Aeneas Valley residents at risk if an emergency occurred. The fire district will support the efforts of Carolyn Campbell to bring this issue to the appropriate authorities. In addition the fire district will send an official complaint to the State Utilities Regulators describing the serious implications the poor telephone service Frontier Communications is providing. In addition the need for cell phone service is badly needed in Aeneas Valley. The assistance of County and State Regulators and Emergency Management will be requested.

Mike will write the first draft of the letter and send it out for review. The final letter is expected to be issued within the week.

There were no public comments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 6:00 PM at 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley.

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

7:03 PM- The meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

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Commissioner

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