



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioner's
Minutes of the Meeting on March 8, 2022
Fire Chief Jack Dockery
7:01 pm – 7:57 pm

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Eugene Swann – Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approved the minutes from February 8th, meeting?

Mr. Lindsey said, I reviewed over them and everything seemed to be in order.

Mr. Trascher said, I as well, I reviewed the minutes. They seem to be in order and with that said, if there are no further corrections, additions or deletions, I move they be approved with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move on to the Financial Report, Chief?

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, as you can see we got the percentages back. I got that corrected. For the month of February, we are looking at a 16.66% goal. The only reoccurring cost that we are going to start really looking at is fuel. It's at 17.33% and of course we just had this discussion 10 minutes ago. We are going to address that accordingly. If it keeps going where it is going, I am going to have to restrict the movement of the guys throughout the day. That way we would be the best steward of the taxpayers. But, as of any other day to day, we are in line.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, with in the line with the fuel, in preparing the budget you have to make the best guess estimate of what it's going to be and fuel at this time has tripled. While we certainly, I applaud your efforts in reducing the movements of the vehicles, we don't want to lock them down at the fire house.

Chief Dockery said, they won't be locked down but, any unneeded...

Mr. Trascher said, right, we may just have to just, every other day or something like that. Take them out for the public's viewing and we will have to, in the near future, adjust the budget, our fuel budget, this line item because fuel cost has escalated and it's not going to get any better and you will be constantly over. In the next couple of months we need to look at where we could trim some other funds in the budget to increase this line item.

Chief Dockery said, sure, on the medical side of the budget, we brought in a total of \$64,607.15. \$37,246.15, was from Medicaid payout. I believe it's just what they hold over time and they give it to us in a lump sum but, with that being said, we still brought in \$27,164.75, through normal monthly billing.

Mr. Trascher said, which is within our projected, our budgeted projected income.

Mr. Swann asked, what is the \$200 bad debt?

Chief Dockery said, that's basically turned into a credit company. They sent out one of the letters and have not had any response so they sent it to collections.

Mr. Swann asked, what do they owe us money for?

Chief Dockery said, that would be medical, something medical.

Mr. Swann said, okay.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any other questions or concerns?

Mr. Lindsey said, I just have a little statement about the fuel with the trucks. That, I know the

fuel is high and it's going to continue to go up and cost us more and all that stuff but, I think that there are two ways to look at it as far as the public goes. There's going to some public that goes "why are the trucks on the street" but there's going to be other people that need to see the trucks. They need to see our presence and we got such a small area, it isn't like we are driving 50 miles to get to the other side of the District or something. I think those trucks need to move. If they sit, that's when you have problems with vehicles.

Chief Dockery said, they definitely need to move. I am not disputing that and I don't want to sound like I want to put them on total lock down. I just want to be mindful of our movements.

Mr. Lindsey said, I just want to, I don't want to see us go to, I know in the past, years and years ago it was like trucks can't move, they can't leave, they can't do anything because of an overreach of the time. I don't want to see it go to that. We can figure something out in our budget and move something around.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, well, and if I may Mr. Russell, I think what the Chief was referring to was that, I think they have a policy now that, one, they can go out one meal per shift or something like that and that's what I think that may be what he is talking about reducing that to once per day or every other day to bring them out to the restaurants.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, I don't have a problem with once a day because I want to catch the twice, three times a day. You know, we going to run over here and run over here for this.

Mr. Trascher said, right, stop by the stores.

Chief Dockery said, plan it out accordingly where you can make a trip.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and catch all the stops.

Mr. Trascher said, out in the open, that's what we were talking about.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's reasonable for every business, to not make wasted trips. But then, at the same time, it's good for driver's training, it's good for area familiarization.

Mr. Trascher said, it keeps the vehicles running and lubricated.

Mr. Lindsey said, you got to run them, they can't sit. So, I just wanted to make sure as we are going into this fuel scare that we don't get into like years ago.

Chief Dockery said, I know what you are talking about because I had to go through that.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, when people were like...

Mr. Trascher said, don't start it.

Mr. Lindsey said, pretty much. They don't want to see, and that came from previous

administration and I don't want to see us go through that. We will figure out another way before it gets to that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it for the financial side?

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move on to the Chief's Report, Chief Dockery.

CHIEF'S REPORT/ EMS REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, for the month of February, we responded to:

EMS	67
MVA	2
GRASS FIRE	3
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	8
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	7
FALSE ALARM	1
POLICE MATTER	2
DOWN POWERLINE	2
GAS LEAK	1
TOTAL	93

MARCH 22 GUTTER INSTALL

Chief Dockery continued, I wanted to let you all know that March 22, is the date that the people gave us to come over here and install the gutters on the front of the station. Once he gets that done I will start doing the trim work and get our lights back up and so on. Like I said before the meeting, I would like to kind of sit down with everybody and Russell brought up a good point, to check with some sign makers to see what different designs they have. I would like something that is going to last and actually looks good on the front of the station.

MARCH 23 AND APRIL 5 MILLAGE WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM

Chief Dockery said, March 23rd, and April 5th, we have the millage workshop via Zoom. If you want to attend you can go on the Legislative Auditor's website and they have a spot that you can click on there and it will sign you up and you can attend that workshop this year. They will not do it in person, it will be strictly on Zoom. I've already signed up, I believe for the March 23rd one.

Mr. Lindsey said, if you happen to have a link to that, could you email us the link to it?

Chief Dockery said, I will email you the link to it.

Mr. Lindsey said, that will make it a little easier to find. And it's on both of those dates?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's the same class on both of those dates.

Mr. Lindsey said, alright.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any questions about the Chief's Report? We will move on to Old Business, Bid Proposal for Well, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Dockery said, alright, in front of you all I put request for bids. There's two pages. One is for bid specifications and the other one is just what we will run in the paper. By all means, look over anything, if we need to correct anything. This is going to be for the well that is going to sit out back here, the 10,000 gallon polymer tank. I spoke with the gentleman and made sure that it was kind of what I was thinking to what he was thinking for the pipe size. I chose 3" to run to a stand pipe and back here and in the front of Bay 4, that way there will be two spots that they can fill. He said a 2" would probably work but 3" would get more volume. I told him, well, I would like to get more volume. If we are going to do it, let's do it now.

Mr. Lindsey said, the stand pipe, is that proposed plastic or a metal pipe, a metal pipe?

Chief Dockery said, that, it's probably going to be PVC coming, I know, to the front. Now, in the back here, I am actually trying to get hold of a hydrant.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am just talking about the regular, not the underground pipe, I am just talking about the stand pipe where you can connect the connection to. I would like to make sure we got something pretty stout. If they go to pulling on it and pulling hose, whatever, I want to make sure it don't snap off and I don't wanna go the cheap route where were are going to be redoing it. Let's put something that is going to last.

Chief Dockery said, well, as far as talking to him, he said, we can do PVC but the front one can be attached to the side of the building, so that's fine.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, as long as it's attached.

Chief Dockery said, as far as the back one, I am thinking, I really want to get like a hydrant.

That way we could train these guys how to hook up.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's up to you.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that would be a good idea.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, with our training facility here, we got the hydrant. You can do all that right here. Practice with the training with the hydrant. It makes it useful.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, and the other one is going to be just a fill? The stand pipe, it that just a fill?

Chief Dockery said, yes, it would be for fill or if they need to clean off the trucks or something, they would have more water pressure.

Mr. Trascher said, with a three inch pipe, your not going to be able to, your going to have to nozzle that down.

Chief Dockery said, yes, a three inch pipe will go down to a 2.5" fitting and they can put a reducer on it to get it all the way down to a inch hose if they wanted to, so. That will be set up for, if someone, if we need to fill, we will just have a quick fill up there.

Mr. Trascher asked, where is that going to be for the trucks to pull in?

Chief Dockery said, they can pull in on the apron, just pull in. We will have a length of hose there and we can bring the hose out to it and turn it on.

Mr. Trascher said, so it's not something that they will have to back in, block traffic.

Chief Dockery said, no, they can pull right up on the apron and we will connect to them and fill them there.

Mr. Lindsey asked, where are we getting the power for this?

Chief Dockery said, it's probably going to come off of...

Mr. Lindsey asked, are we going to have to set up a separate meter or something for it?

Chief Dockery said, I don't know if we will need a separate meter. We have to see what we got in this box, the legs. As long as we can hook it.

Mr. Trascher asked, is it going to be a 220 or three phase pump?

Chief Dockery said, 220, I believe. If it's a three phase, we couldn't do anything three phase here.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, you would have to change the whole electric system.

Chief Dockery said, nothing in this department is three phase.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's why I am wondering, I don't know what the requirements are going to be. We might want to ask Fourcade or something like that and see what the requirement would be for a 7.5 horse power pump.

Chief Dockery said, I will jot that down and ask.

Mr. Lindsey said, and make sure we have the power back here before we go bidding on something we can't even use.

Mr. Trascher said, we've been talking about needing to upgrade this panel over here. I don't even know if three phase is available in this area. A 7 horse power motor on three phase is going to be a whole lot more economical. If we had to, depending on the requirements of that motor, plus the buildings, we may have to put in the panel and it may be time to do that as well as tie in this pump.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I don't know if we need anything three phase but we may need to upgrade that panel and depending on what the electrician says, we may need to upgrade to a 400 amp service.

Chief Dockery said, I will get in touch with the gentleman and see what, or I will look up the pump itself and see what it's running.

Mr. Lindsey said, and how many amps it draws.

Chief Dockery said, I will get in touch with Fourcade and have him come peek at it

Mr. Lindsey said, because this is run off the building over there, right?

Chief Dockery said, no, this is it's own separate meter.

Mr. Trascher said, but this is a 200 amp, isn't it?

Mr. Lindsey said, It don't even look like a 200 amp.

Mr. Trascher said, it's either 150 or 200 they put in there. Let me see.

Mr. Lindsey said, if that's a 200, I don't think it's a 200, a 120?

Mr. Trascher said, it looks like 150.

Mr. Lindsey said, 150?

Mr. Trascher said, that's a 150.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, well, coming out of there, he should be able to look and see. We may

be able to because this building doesn't draw that much.

Mr. Trascher said, the biggest thing is the air conditioner and the heat in here.

Mr. Lindsey said, it just would be good to know out front, that the electrical, that electrical that is needed for it.

Mr. Trascher said, I would hate to run the pump with an extension cord and no place to plug in.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am excited about this. We have been talking about this for years and years.

Mr. Trascher said, this is something that should help us with our PIAL because, also, if we can provide assistance we can fill other trucks that come in the area.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, because I live down the street so, I am excited about it because you don't have to go as far for a hydrant and it's a safety issue for the training tower. It's good to have that water on standby.

Mr. Trascher said, capacity, yes. Okay, so what do we need, Bid Specifications? Chief, before we put it out to bid...

Chief Dockery said, I will add the voltage.

Mr. Trascher said, the electrical requirements for the pump.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, was there anything else?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, you said, you were checking on the hydrants?

Chief Dockery said, yes, hydrant.

Mr. Lindsey said, was this thing, this polymer tank, I guess I would like to, if they could get us some specs on the tank as far as...

Chief Dockery asked, height, width and all of that?

Mr. Lindsey said, well, yes, that but what I am worried about as a polymer tank, what kind of life span does it have when they are out in the sun without any kind of cover over it protecting it from the sun? if you put plastic out in the sun...

Mr. Trascher said, it eventually dries up.

Mr. Lindsey said, you only have so long but, it may be some kind of UV protected tank or we

may want to look into a UV protected tank. That way, 8 years from now we not wasting money and have to buy a new tank or something.

Chief Dockery said, yes, all good things, I will go about this tomorrow. Well, I just wanted you all to look it over and see if you had any other ideas.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I got, just the protection from the sun, whether we need to, in the future, put something around it or if it's a UV resistant tank.

Mr. Trascher said, because if it's not we would have to put a roof over it or a shed over it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would be looking for some recommendations and life expectancy of the tank. Whatever we do, I want to make sure we do it right the first time. Do it one time and be done with it.

Mr. Trascher said, I totally agree with that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't want to save...

Mr. Trascher said, save \$100, spend \$600 later.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, save a little money then spend a lot of money later.

Chief Dockery said, I am with you, do it right the first time.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, the concrete pad, Chief, that's where the tank is going to be?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, and where is that going to be? In the back here or close to the building?

Chief Dockery said, yes, right behind, not by that other tank, because we can't put it there.

Mr. Lindsey said, at some point we probably going to wind up and probably should put concrete over there towards it or wherever your going to put the hydrant or something. Make sure we can get to it.

Mr. Trascher said, drive over to it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it would be nice eventually, to maneuver behind the training.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, keep that in mind whenever they are burying lines or whatever that we may put some concrete or something over that area in the future. I would like to, anyway.

Chief Dockery said, we just have to make sure that sink hole is finally filled in.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we need to work on that, on this yard here because it's always a mess.

As far as, you know, we are going to put that tank back there and we want to be able to get to it. If it needs to be serviced, if they need to come work on the pump or something.

Mr. Trascher said, my thinking was is that if you did the pump, submersible pump, you could put the feeder line and put the tank closer in instead of having it out in the field.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, I don't know how far you plan on putting out.

Mr. Trascher said, the tank could be closer to the building.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I am going to try and get as close to the building.

Mr. Lindsey said, like around where it was before.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey asked, did that one get totally filled in?

Chief Dockery said, well, that one imploded and they filled it in to the best of their ability at that time.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, we are not going to put it on top of that spot?

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, no, that tank is still in the ground.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's in the ground with pieces so, it might have voids so it's not going there. If anything, it's going to go where that steel tank is right now. I just need to get something to drag it out the damn way.

Mr. Lindsey said, as long as we are not putting it where the other one is at, that would be fine.

Mr. Trascher said, it may even be closer to the tower here or you know.

Chief Dockery said, it's not going in that spot for sure because that's just, it would be a waste of money. That would be a catastrophe.

Mr. Lindsey said, as long as we are doing it right, that's all I a worried about. That's all I got.

Mr. Trascher said, good deal.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, anybody got anything else on the proposal?

Mr. Lindsey said, nope, good things are happening in here.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's right, good things. We will move on to the Resolution for Truck Purchase, Chief Dockery.

RESOLUTION FOR TRUCK PURCHASE – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the finance company, I just need the Resolution that they have read into the minutes and we need to sign it. We can sign it after the meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, alright, this is the Resolution:

Principle amount expected to be financed, \$677,380.

Whereas, the municipality is a political subdivision of the State in which the municipality is located (the State), and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution of the laws of the State.

Whereas, pursuant to applicable law, the Governing Body of the municipality is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real estate or personal property including, without limitation, rights and interest in property, leases easements necessary to functions or operations of the the municipality.

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more mass or lease purchase agreements in the principle amount not exceeding the amount stated above for the purpose of acquiring the property equipment to be described in the leases appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the municipality.

Whereas, PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, (leser) should act as the Lessor and said Lessees), now therefore being ordained by the governing body of the municipality:

SECTION 1 – Either one of or each an authorized representative acting on behalf of the municipality is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute and deliver one or more leases substantially in the form set in the document presented before the governing body. Which document is available for public inspection at the office of the municipality.

Mr. Trascher said, and the either one was, the Department is going to designate two individuals who will sign the forms for the lease. (Mr. Trascher continues to read)

Each authorized representative acting on behalf of the municipality is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute and deliver such documents for the lease, as the authorized representative deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental, the leases are hereby authorized.

SECTION 2 – By a written instrument signed by any authorized representative, said authorized representative may

designate specifically, identified officers or employees of municipality to execute and deliver agreement and documents related to the lease on behalf of the municipality.

SECTION 3 – The aggregate original principle amount of the lease shall not exceed the amount stated above and shall bear interest as set forth in the lease and the lessee shall contain such options to purchase by the municipality as set forth therein.

SECTION 4 – The municipality's obligations of the lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the governing body as set forth in each lease and the municipality's obligations under the leases shall not constitute general obligations of the municipality or indebtedness under the constitutional laws of the State. As to each lease, the municipality reasonably anticipates the issue not more than \$10,000, of tax exempt obligations other than private activity bonds which are not qualified 501C, 3 bonds during the current calendar year in which each such lease is issued and hereby designates each lease as a qualified tax exempt obligation for the purpose of Section 265B, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Mr. Lindsey said, wow.

Chief Dockery said, that's a mouth full.

Mr. Trascher continued:

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon it's adoption and approval.

Mr. Trascher said, and it has the, of course, the adopted and approved on the date.

The undersigned secretary clerk of the above named municipality here certifies and attest that the undersigned has access to the original records of the governing body and the municipality. That the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted by the said governing body of the municipality at the meeting of said governing body and such resolutions have not been amended or altered and are in full force in effect on the date stated below.

Mr. Trascher said, and the lessee is listed as the St. Tammany Fire Protection District 11, it would be signed by the clerk of the municipality and sealed.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if you read this right here, this one here is...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, we are going to read that when we go to do that resolution.

Mrs. Rinkus said, that is an error on my part.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you need to read this one into it, not this number here.

Mr. Trascher asked, why?

Mrs. Blackwell said, because this number here is wrong.

Mr. Trascher said, but this number is, oh okay this number is \$677,380. I see what it is, okay. It was a typo in our resolution.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it will be corrected.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, the resolution that is requested by the finance company, if you will, for the purchase of the vehicle. As I appreciate it, basically, it's pretty standard documentations that we are signing a lease, that we are not obligating the Department for a six year debt. Each year is individually and each year this lease successfully renews until it's paid for. The total amount would be \$677,380, plus interest. As I appreciate it, it's not like a mortgage where if something would happen and our ad valorem taxes fell down, that we would have an obligation. We could surrender the vehicle and terminate the lease at that point.

Mr. Lindsey asked, does it say what the interest would be?

Mr. Trascher said, they didn't mention any interest in this contract, no. Chief, you would have to, it doesn't mention the annual payments.

Chief Dockery said, hold up.

Mr. Trascher said, other than they said here, \$10,000. It says, as to each lease, the municipality reasonably anticipates the issue not more than \$10,000, of tax exempt obligations.

Chief Dockery said, okay, I think we chose this as a 7 year, interest is 3.22%, first payment of \$21,811.64, and 7 payments after of \$108,800.57.

Mr. Lindsey asked, so at 3.22%, is that a fixed rate?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, as long as it's not an adjustable rate because we don't know what we are going into.

Mr. Trascher said, amen.

Mr. Swann said, your right there.

Mr. Trascher said, so that is going to bring the cost higher than \$677,000, huh.

Mr. Lindsey said, with the interest.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I was...

Mr. Lindsey said, that isn't really a bad interest rate, the 3.22%, being the rates are on the way up.

Mr. Trascher said, it better.

Mr. Lindsey said, and I guess there is no early prepayment penalty like, if we decide to save the interest money and pay it off early.

Chief Dockery said, no, I don't think.

Mr. Trascher said, I understand they said no, that there wasn't.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, if we feel that things have pick up well and just decide to save the interest money and pay it off in 2 years or whatever, when we get everything fixed up and stabilized.

Mr. Trascher asked, have you got a rough idea, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, yes, \$761,625.80.

Mr. Trascher said, so we are paying roughly \$100,000, in interest.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, over a 7 year period. Okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, I'm just thinking that maybe in a few years, if we keep putting money back like we did this year, if we are in good shape we will just pay if off a little earlier and save \$40,000 or \$50,000, in interest unless there is no penalty for prepayment. I think you all said before there wasn't, so.

Mr. Trascher said, as I recall when we were discussing the lease option or the purchase, is that we would be able to pay it out like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, well, we will look at it in a couple of years and see. If it looks like we can save \$40,000 or \$50,000...

Mr. Trascher said, I am pretty comfortable with the payments.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, I agree.

Mr. Trascher said, and we need the vehicle.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think we need to pay it down some over the years.

Mr. Trascher said, I would not be comfortable with taking \$600,000, and buying the vehicle at this point.

Mr. Lindsey said, me either, but in a few years, I would entertain maybe look at it.

Mr. Trascher said, maybe down to half.

Mr. Lindsey said, and if we look at it and say, \$40,000 or \$50,000, and we need to buy a new pickup truck and we are going to spend \$40,000 or \$50,000, well maybe we will just pay off the vehicle and put that money towards the other. That way, it's basically like a free pickup truck or whatever.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I think that makes prudent sense to me, prudent business sense. Okay, with that said, we have prepared Resolution 2022-009, for the Board of Commissioner's:

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date, March 8, 2022, for a properly advertised meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), find it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers to approve the lease/purchase of a Pierce-Custom Enforcer Pumper, 2nd Gen, as described below, for purposes and use by the Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana:

1. The Fire Protection District No. 11, Board of Commissioners authorize the Fire Chief to lease/purchase the Pierce-Custom Enforcer Pumper, 2nd Gen, listed on the State Contract list.
2. The Fire Protection District No. 11, Board of Commissioner's approves the lease/purchase of this vehicle with a price of \$677,380.
3. Attached is the proposal/agreement provided by Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC.
4. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior Resolutions or actions are superseded by this Resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, in Section 3, the attached proposed agreement that we read prior to our Board resolution that is attached to this one.

Mr. Lindsey asked, is there anything in our agreement to hold them to this as far as the

delivery date or a delivery date range? I know you all said 21 months or something like that, 22 months? But, just that way, we don't whined up 3 years from now your not asking, hey, where is the pumper and hear, well, we're backed up.

Chief Dockery said, as far as I know we don't make a payment until we receive it. Until it's actually off of production.

Mr. Lindsey asked, what was the range, around 21 months I think? From what I kind of remember.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I think that's what he is asking, Jack, is just if we order it tonight, when can we get it?

Chief Dockery said, oh it's going to...

Mr. Lindsey said, I know it's not written in stone, but...

Mr. Trascher said, or about when can we get it. Not an exact date.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, now a days...

Mr. Trascher said, are we looking at two years out?

Chief Dockery said, when I talked to him he said, 18.5 up to 25 months, so.

Mr. Lindsey said, alright.

Mr. Trascher said, so we are looking at almost 2 years.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's why we need to get it ordered.

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's already in. They just needed this part for the paper work for the finance.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay. I'm good with that.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, with that said, I guess Madam Chairman would ask for approval on the resolution.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we approve the resolution as read.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do I have a second?

Mr. Swann said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, that's the most money I ever spent.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's a lot of reading, too. I'm sitting here thinking, I am glad he is reading all of this.

Mr. Swann said, I don't blame you.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would be like, y'all get a cup of coffee, we gonna be a little while.

Mr. Trascher said, I'll holler when I am done.

Mrs. Blackwell said, you seen him before the other one, right. Alright, now that that's done, let's move to Audit Discussion, Chief Dockery.

AUDIT DISCUSSION – Chief Jack Dockery

Mr. Trascher said, that should be good.

Chief Dockery said, oh man, I saved the best for last, I hope you know. I will try to stay cordial. We received a letter on 02/23/22, dated February 14th, from our great St. Tammany Parish Government stating that they would like to have the finances by May 2, 2022. All the years in the past were May 31st, so they kind of took a month away from us. So, I talked to the CPA and I've got two companies so far and what I am proposing is that I can send out RF P's this week if we choose and we can have a special meeting next week to pick one or we can pick one of the two I have here. I want to get it, if we do an RFP, I want to do it soon to give them enough time being they basically cut our feet from underneath us for a whole month.

Mr. Trascher said, so, let me ask a question here at this point. The reason we are having to do this is, the firm that we hired to do our CPA did our audit before.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Swann said, and they cannot do that now?

Chief Dockery said, they cannot do our audit now.

Mr. Trascher said, now, of the firms that you are speaking of, is there one of that we've used in the past?

Chief Dockery said, yes, Ericksen Krentel, they said they would do it for \$10,000. I think we paid \$8,500 to Griffin & Furman, so it's a little bit more but, we have used them in the past.

Mr. Trascher said, I think that because of the other, and I don't know, is this a mandate from the Parish or is this something that they would like?

Chief Dockery said, well, I can say if we don't have it, I am will be going to the Council and explaining why we didn't have it there on time.

Mr. Trascher said, well, that's alright, you can be the sacrificial lamb. Have a BBQ.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's why he makes the big money.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that's it. That's what it is.

Chief Dockery said, I am going to reserve that until after the meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, so, the answer to the question is that, it's not a request, it's a mandate.

Chief Dockery said, it's a mandate.

Mr. Swann asked, how much is the other one?

Chief Dockery said, the other one is \$13,000, from, that is the firm CPA that does Fire District 1's every day CPA work.

Mr. Trascher said, I am inclined to go with Krentel that we used in the past.

Mrs. Blackwell said, did we have problems in the past?

Mr. Trascher said, because we do have some what of a track record with them.

Mr. Lindsey asked, can they commit to the date?

Chief Dockery said, yes, they have talked with the CPA and they talked to him personally and they said they can commit to the May 2nd, date.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I believe this would be appropriate, on the agenda we have Audit Discussion.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I would move that we open the agenda for the purpose of selecting an

auditor.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, the agenda is open.

Mr. Trascher said, because of the things that we have had with the CPA and the imposing mandate from St. Tammany Parish, in order to save time and expedite the matter, I would move that we approve Krentel Ericksen, Laporte and several other guys names. What is the name of the firm?

Chief Dockery said, I got Ericksen Krentel.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, and the price that they quoted you?

Chief Dockery said, \$10,000.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I would move that we approve Ericksen Krentel for our audit this year for the principle sum of \$10,000,

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you want to call Moyle to see if he would do it.

Chief Dockery said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, I had to say it. I had to say it, I'm sorry.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that would be a tough one, Chief.

Chief Dockery said, no, if the minutes were not verbatim, then...

Mrs. Blackwell said, leave those comments out.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Chief that should make the hair grow back and this is the auditor.

Chief Dockery said, I don't know about growing, it's receding down my back.

Mrs. Blackwell said, alright, now that we had the Audit Discussion, any other in that area?

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT – Michelle Blackwell.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, any Public Comment? No public. Does anybody have anything?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, a couple of things. Chief, how's our awards program coming?

Chief Dockery said, I am about half way through their book, so, they have a stack so, we getting there.

Mr. Trascher said, will we have something for our Department before they retire?

Chief Dockery said, we will have something this year. There will be a Firefighter of the Year this year.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we need some ensuing programs that will help generate interest and build moral and get us some positive public perception. I know when my old, I had another one, my tenant died and the Department came out a couple of times and transported him and picked him up when he fell and everything else. I mean, it's good positive press that we need to get out for that.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we have any plans on putting another class on this year?

Chief Dockery said, yes, I will, standby, I will give you the date. We just finished it up today.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and did we retain any of the people out of the last class or we just made money off of it?

Chief Dockery said, we basically, just made money. We are a good stepping stone but,

I believe with some of the stuff we have coming up now, we can maybe hold our own. Alright, on 4/11/22, we are going to start, that is going to start Hazmat Awareness and are looking to be complete by, it looks like they will be testing on 8/10/22.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, it's going to be 2 nights a week and every other Saturday?

Chief Dockery said, sometimes it will be a little wonky during the week. I will send you the syllabus, I will get you a copy of the syllabus. If you got anybody you know, the young fellow that works with you, I think he already took it so, he's good.

Mr. Lindsey said, he did. He wants to see about volunteering.

Chief Dockery said, I went and brought his application to the PD the other day and had his back ground check so, he cleared so we will be giving him a call to come up and show his face.

Mr. Lindsey said, he better clear, he works for me.

Chief Dockery said, and show his face. Well, I mean, you had the dog feed incident so, I will get you a copy of that if you would like. I am going to send it. it out to all the Chief's in the morning because, there were numerous departments that were interested in it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and like we talked about last meeting, we can invite District 7 to it. Anything that we can do to help our neighboring Departments like that, I would like to see us try to help.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it looks like they are looking to hire 3 people up there so they may be sending some of the to the class. I will send it to him.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we know what the cost is going to be on this one yet?

Chief Dockery said, I think it's still \$1,500.

Mr. Lindsey said, okay, and that to me, makes good use of our training facility here. We have a training building, we have a nice facility here.

Chief Dockery said, it does, I mean \$1,500, is still a good amount. It's \$5,000 or \$8,000, like some of these.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's reasonable.

Chief Dockery said, it's reasonable.

Mr. Lindsey said, and we can make some money to be able to keep...

Chief Dockery said, and keep improving.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, to keep improving our training facility and our building and the

water tank and stuff like that. Help put money towards all of that. Do we have any, the facet, the gutters and the sign on the front, do we have any up and coming, what are our plans for getting the station looking nice? Do we have any thing else and whats the update, any more on the parking lot from the Parish?

Chief Dockery said, the Parish just went silent. I will get with Graves, is it Chris Graves?

Mr. Trascher said, Chris Graves, the foreman, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, because I don't think they are going to be like, constantly knocking on the door asking, can they come do it please? We are going to have to...

Mr. Trascher said, and talking to the Councilman might not be a bad idea either, Mike Smith.

Mr. Lindsey said, we are going to have to get somebody to push it and I don't mind doing, pushing.

Mr. Trascher said, well, it's not an election year so it's going to be hard to get them.

Mr. Lindsey said, I mean, I am good at aggravating people to get what we need.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah but, they have a whole staff. You can aggravate one person today and not get to that same person for 2 weeks. People are just sitting there waiting to be aggravated.

Chief Dockery said, I did have a suggestion for the front of the building. Right where the front door is at, would you be opposed to putting a cover, like a patio cover there running along the front right there to the parking lot to have a covered entrance to that?

Mr. Trascher asked, when you say, is it just the walk in door, not the...

Chief Dockery said, yes, the walk I door.

Mrs. Blackwell said, kind of like a cat walk or something?

Chief Dockery said, something, the same principle we have out here but have it run along to the parking lot. We plan on making that first spot another handicap spot right there and give the room for van accessibility or something like that.

Mr. Trascher said, get a cost on it and let's see.

Chief Dockery said, just kicking around just to see.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, get a cost on it and we will see if it's something that, I mean, it would help the public, if they come if it's raining, to get in there.

Mr. Lindsey asked, a cost and a visual of what it would look like. I mean, I don't know if

we should look into something that looks a little nicer than just a patio cover because it's going to be directly in front of the station?

Chief Dockery said, well, that concept of having a cover.

Mr. Lindsey said, I have no issue with some type of cover.

Mr. Trascher asked, like an aluminum cover, a awning maybe.

Mr. Lindsey said, anything to do with helping handicap people, I am all for . Put a ramp, mark it out in case somebody wants to come. And a cover, as long as it looks nice, I am fine with it. Having something that don't look nice, no.

Mr. Trascher said, you don't want a Smith and Jones carport.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, it's got to look nice.

Chief Dockery said, I will get one of those little pop up carports and put in the front.

Mr. Lindsey said, my total vision of this place is to look sharp and a very clean, neat, professionally run department.

Mr. Trascher said, that's our goal.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's our main reasons to be here is to see that happen.

Chief Dockery said, alright.

Mr. Swann said, can you also be sure to get somebody to check with Fire District 1, on how they bill those...

Chief Dockery said, yes, the MVA.

Mr. Swann said, yes, because that is income that we are not getting right now.

Chief Dockery said, yes, I remember that, that's been some years ago but, I remember it.

Mr. Swann said, well, I was talking to the attorney the other day. They are still doing that. They are still billing the insurance companies.

Mr. Trascher said, that was PMI that brought that in I think.

Chief Dockery said, yes, and Slidell still has PMI.

Mr. Lindsey said, not to, my mind is still on fixing the station up as you all are talking about this stuff. Not to put too much on your plate there, which, you need to shift it to who ever it needs to be shifted to, but, I don't think we have done anything with that shower area in there in the station. I am thinking of things that need to be addressed.

Chief Dockery said, we are good at destroying stuff. I think that's a hollow wall right there. I think they built...

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't know if you all have seen that bathroom in there, the shower area. It's about this big by this big.

Chief Dockery said, they built that wall, I believe they just built that wall and put a pocket shower in there.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, you literally got to walk in there soap up on one side and walk out and around and back in. It's about that small.

Mr. Trascher said, we talked about this whole, gutting this station and relaying it out where it would be more user friendly, if you will.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, we talked about this other bathroom being it's a lot bigger, putting a shower on that back wall, like a full size shower on that back wall.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we just have to jack hammer all that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would like to see us get a plumber or two out here to look at the possibility of what it's going to take to do that.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, before that, I think we need to go through the building and do the rest of what we want to do.

Mr. Lindsey said, it definitely needs to be worked into the plans. That way, what ever we do now won't hinder what we are going to do in the future.

Mr. Trascher said, right, because I know we still got the electrical panel in the grocery cabinet.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, it definitely needs to be done, without a doubt. But, I know we talked about this and we won't get to talk about it again for another month and then it will be another month and another month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and it will go by the wayside.

Chief Dockery said, that might not be a hard thing on that one shower, the existing shower, it's just making sure, I am about 95% sure that's a vacant space.

Mr. Lindsey said, the only problem with that, and this is what I am kind of thinking and making me lean towards, this is for you to decide and I am just throwing ideas out there. If we tear out the shower and rebuild the shower where it's at now, that's going to be good but, we got one shower and it's out of commission for a couple of weeks while our guys are here.

Chief Dockery said, right.

Mr. Lindsey said, and the other thing, we may whined up with females in this department at some point. I think we should have two showers. So, if we do the other one in the big area, still using the little tiny one until we get the other one totally complete. When we get that complete, it's nice. Go in there and tear the other one apart, redo that. We whined up with females here at some point, we have two separate bathrooms. In the meantime, we are doing the tear out and we still got a bathroom to use. So, I would like to see us move forward with getting the bathrooms...

Mrs. Blackwell said, I agree with that. I the only female in a man's world where I am right now and it's tough.

Mr. Trascher said, it used to not be.

Chief Dockery said, okay, I will get that tasked out this week and get somebody in that can look at that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I'm the only woman that made it.

Mr. Lindsey said, and make sure we planned it all out like, if we need vent lights in there or whatever, let's plan it. That way, we do it one time and it's nice and it's going to last a long time. I don't want to rig something and half do it just to make it, to get us by. Let's do something nice. But, I think having the two bathrooms...

Mr. Trascher said, yes, it makes sense because it leaves the facility usable while you are doing the work.

Mr. Lindsey said, right, and like I said, this department is going to grow. At some point we are going to whined up with male and female here and I think we should have two different bathroom facilities. Then we have one for the public to use, you know, if something else or it comes to it.

Mr. Swann said, now they have men, women and transgender bathrooms.

Mrs. Blackwell said, or when a hurricane comes through, we may even need to go over there and use it. Your wife maybe.

Mr. Swann said, absolutely.

Mr. Lindsey said, if a hurricane comes through there may be several people here, you got one shower. It's terrible.

Chief Dockery said, you should have been here during Katrina. We had a party bus of 30 Native Americans and they all took a shower one at a time.

Mr. Lindsey said, most camper showers are bigger than that shower.

Mr. Trascher said, really?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, it's terrible.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's basically a little pocket shower.

Mr. Trascher said, I couldn't fit in it then.

Mr. Lindsey said, it should have been done a long time ago.

Mr. Trascher said, I would have to soak the walls just do this.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, you have to do your hand, do like this and kind of splash it out on you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, put you some rubber sponges on there we saw on TV and scrub like that.

Mr. Lindsey said, I guess you can just look at getting some estimates. That way, for next meeting we maybe can move forward with it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we will tackle that one first and we will tackle the regular, the other shower, the expansion on that one.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, let's look at doing the showers, the floors and get the walls all done, get a new sink. Whatever it takes to make that happen 100%, and we don't have to worry about it for another 10 years.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we will have to cut the threshold where the tiles are at and put a divider there and put new tile in there because I don't want any more of that ugly stuff.

Mr. Lindsey said, I say do all of that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we want pretty tile in there.

Mr. Lindsey said, we want to do, eventually the whole station needs to be done and we don't want anything that will hinder future things.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I want to see.

Mr. Lindsey said, we don't want to have to undo just to do something right now.

Mr. Trascher said, whatever we do now has to be part of the master plan.

Chief Dockery said, the bathrooms are the bathrooms. They shouldn't change. That's plumbing already in the slab. Other than adding a shower, they should stay where they are at. Everything else is up for...

Mr. Lindsey said, I say, whatever we got to do. Once the slab and the plumber says it's do-able, let's do it.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I got.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, anybody else got anything? Mr. Swann, you?

Mr. Swann said, no.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, you got anything else?

Mr. Trascher said, no, I'm good.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, so moved.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, second?

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Swann, how do you vote?

Mr. Swann said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.