



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on July 11, 2017

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars - Absent
Jackelyn Gallo – Present
Eugene Swann - Absent
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell - Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everyone read and approved the Minutes from the June 13th, meeting?

Mr. Trascher said, I did have the opportunity to review the minutes that were sent out and I didn't see any problems. They seem to be in order. Based on that, I move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mrs. Gallo said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries, thank you. Do we have the financial report?

Mrs. Gallo said, I didn't receive anything.

Chief Dockery (Chief of Operations) said, alright, on the single sheet that y'all have I just wanted to show y'all. The EMS services for the month of June, we brought in \$16,949.18. For the total for the year so far is \$81, 368.47. In your paper work, we actually have a sheet this time. Their saying that we should be around 50% for normal operating expenses. Of course, the Assessors Office expense is higher until we amend the budget. Dues and Subscriptions are high.

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me. The Assessor's Office, what's those expenses?

Chief Dockery said, that was for paying for the furniture, the tax that we have every year. Also, Training is a little bit higher than usual but that part is over with for the year, the FDIC. We do have a few accounts that need to be added. As you can tell, you see it on the list but all in all, the budget is looking good. We are falling in place. We have a few categories that need to be amended. I am going to try to shoot for next months meeting to have an amended budget.

Mr. Trascher said, excuse me Chief Dockery, on the items that, the line items that need to be added, like Supplemental Pay, Miscellaneous income. Is this a recommendation of the CPA?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so that we can properly assign expenditures to an account in the budget?

Chief Dockery said, yes. That's all I have.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, is that it, Chief Dockery?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you.

Mr. Trascher said, so we understand that next meeting you will have an amendment proposal for the budget.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, so that we will be able to introduce it then adjust it. Ok, thank you sir.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that's it for the Financial Report we will move on the the Chief's Report/EMS Report.

Chief Leos said, we really don't have a Chief's Report due to the fact that Firehouse is down. They've got, what do you call it?

Chief Parish (Chief of Volunteers) said, ransom ware, new ransom ware.

Chief Leos said, ransom ware in the server in Slidell.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh no!

Chief Leos said, so all of it is down. I'm gonna let Jack and Matt Parish do most of the report but what I wanted to cover is, we are not going to need this resolution. We had gotten a check list from the Fire Marshal to establish the Fire Prevention Bureau and we went down it. We did everything they said, sent it to them. Well, the attorney sent another email saying we need your SOG's and SOP's. We got Slidell's in put 11's in and sent it to them. I get another email and she wanted all of this. I said, I've had enough. I got on the phone with Butch Browning. I said I am frustrated with this. Y'all showed us a check list and we followed it. I don't know what's going on but every time I turn around, do y'all want us in the Fire Prevention Bureau business or not. The next thing we know we got an email that we've been approved.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you.

Mrs. Gallo said, fantastic.

Mrs. Blackwell said, good.

Chief Leos said, this was kind of a, if that didn't work, kind of deal but it did.

Mr. Trascher said, so the SOG's and SOB's.

Chief Leos said, I got tickled, Butch sent an email right after the second one that I sent him, to the second in command wanting to know what he knew about it. It was right after that we got the letter saying y'all are approved.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so what do we need to do with that, write void on it or something?

Mr. Trascher said, us it for scratch paper.

Chief Leos said, yeah, scratch paper.

Mrs. Blackwell said, well, that's good news.

Mr. Trascher said, well at least we had a contingency plan and you did it that way. You did find out why we needed and we really didn't need it.

Chief Leos said, it's getting old because every time we would send them something and...

Mr. Trascher said, well, we been amending this every month and the council has been amending it and the keep coming. So, that was proactive.

Chief Leos said, come to find out, the attorney was not familiar with the revised statues for the Fire Prevention Bureau at all, so, we approved.

Mr. Trascher said, good deal, thank you Chief.

Mrs. Gallo said, and thank you for being here and I am glad to see you are feeling well. As well as can be expected tonight.

Chief Leos said, yeah.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do y'all have anything else? Who's next?

Chief Parish said, would this be the Chief's report?

Chief Leos said, you can. I mean, it can be in part. It's got to do with the monitors on the ambulances.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we have to open the agenda for that?

Mr. Trascher said, they can present a report but before we can take any action, we would have to open the agenda.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we need to vote on anything

Chief Parish said, that's what I was thinking so, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, if you wanted to present the report and just see what you liked.

Chief Leos said, I just got filled in tonight on a lot of this.

Chief Parish said, it is news, Mr. Floyd, but if you are going to have to open it up any way, I'd say we just open it up.

Mr. Trascher said, well, only if we have to vote on anything. It may be something that we may not vote on it. If you would, please present it.

Mrs. Gallo said, is there a requesting question that would create a vote?

Chief Parish said, let's do this, let's do it like this. So, to finish off the Chief's Report, just so you know Engine 113, we've had repairs. We've been repairing it. It had to get the pump back inspected and stuff like that. That repair has been done so that truck is ready to go back in service. We just got to test the pump. Medic 112, is going to need some repairs. Unfortunately we've got an oil leak on the engine. We just identified so we are going to be swapping that truck out of service very soon to fix that issue before it blows up and gets bigger.

Mr. Trascher asked, is that in warranty?

Chief Parish said, it's, you know how it is. The warranty runs out yesterday, it leaks today. That's, unfortunately, what has most probably just happened is it's just out of warranty.

Mr. Trascher said, that may be something we they can (inaudible).

Chief Parish said, we literally, just yesterday found the leak puddle on the floor. We want to fix it before it gets big. We'd rather be proactive instead of reactive, so, literally, just yesterday they said hay, there's oil on the floor and we looked and it's not bad yet but we want to fix it before it's bad.

Medic 111 is in service. It's available so we will just swap into that ambulance and be able to continue service. While we are talking about the medic trucks, so, our monitor's, you know the monitor's that they put all the sticky things on the chest with and they do all the pulse, oxygen levels, the blood pressure cuffs and all of that, are old. We tried to buy refurbished one four years ago, four or five years ago we purchased one to keep us running. Well, it was a action we took then that we could afford and it was viable and it kept us going and it worked. Unfortunately, now that monitor has reached the end of life. It's over 8 years old, you can't buy parts for it anymore. They quite manufacturing it 2 years ago, I think they said, and parts are running out for it. So, we are still able to buy certain things for it through other resources but, when the parts are done, their done, their out. We can't do anything about it. The new replacement is the new model. That's a Lifepak 12, a Lifepak 15 is the new replacement. So, what we are going to present to you tonight is that we would like to make a purchase for two of them just to replace both of ours on both units because we are required to have them. We have to have them, there's nothing we can do about it. We've already budgeted for it. It's in the EMS Capital, so, we feel that we have a good plan in place that we would like to present to to you. It is a money item and it is a financing item because it's a \$70,000 purchase that we don't want to make a \$70,000 purchase, we would rather space it out over the next five years being that we already budgeted that amount of money for EMS Capital every year.

Mrs. Gallo asked, what is the life of those units?

Chief Parish said, you know, barring you don't throw it out of a truck, run it over or something like that, you know, they are 15 years

Mrs. Gallo said, standard life.

Chief Parish said, as long as they manufacturing and make parts for it and can service it, it's barring you don't drop it or catastrophic failures, they will last until they quit servicing them. The Lifepak 12, they just quit servicing them. We can't even send it to them to have repair work anymore. We can buy parts, we just can't have it calibrated, we can't have it serviced. After 8 years they are not servicing it or calibrating it anymore. We are at 8years this year. So, this year as we would annually send it in to have it serviced and calibrated, it's a piece of medical equipment, you have to have it calibrated annually. We can't do that anymore.

Mrs. Gallo asked, so, would we be out of some type of compliance if...

Chief Parish said, yeah, it's like everything in life safety, if you can't calibrate it, you can't have it checked and you use it and it's wrong and somebody dies and their lawyer finds out that we are using a piece of equipment that is not calibrated...

Mrs. Gallo said, yep, we have an obligation to do that.

Mr. Trascher said, we do have this year...

Chief Parish said, we do have this year.

Mr. Trascher said, the rest of this year before they...

Chief Parish asked, what month is it up? When is it due for...

Brenda Grisaffi said, September.

Chief Parish said, I'm sorry, September it's due for calibration.

Mrs. Gallo said, so we have two months.

Chief Parish said, and look, I do apologize. We just found this out. We didn't know they were going to... we called them up. Brenda called them to schedule the service and they pulled it up by the serial number and said, I'm sorry, your at 8 years and we can't service that pack no more, that equipment no more. We can make matters even better because the Phillips monitor that we also have which is our second unit, Phillips discontinued that model. Phillip's is no longer selling cardiac monitors at the moment. So, we are getting a double whammy this year where we are in a bind.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, is that \$70,000 a piece?

Chief Parish said, no, \$70,000 would be both. It's \$68,000, let me give y'all this. I'm holding all this fancy paper work I printed for you.

Chief Leos said, if I am not mistaken, they offered us to finance it.

Chief Parish said, they did, that's what I was going to...

Chief Leos said, which would make it a lot more palatable (inaudible).

Chief Parish said, the first thing you are looking at, let me grab mine. The first page you are looking at is a sole provider page. Physio Control is a sole provider. So, for the monitor itself, for the Lifepak 12 or the Lifepak 15, Physio is a sole provider. I don't have to bid, I don't have to get quotes because nobody else can sell the equipment to me. They are the only company. Lifepak or Physio Control, because we are already established with Physio Control, I don't even have to look at another companies brand because if I went to a different company it doesn't match my existing AUD's and my existing equipment. They wouldn't match. So, the auditor says since you are already with Physio Control and it matches all your other equipment, you've already met the requirements of the bid. We have already established Lifepak. So, plus, our mutual aid resources are also Physio control so, we can't even look a another brand. Otherwise, we would have to start all over. None of our AUD's would match our monitor's and none of the equipment that we already own, that we plan on moving over to this new monitor would match. Mainly, that would be like the cellular modems, they cost \$1,000 a piece. Well, we already have one and it is interchangeable so we don't have to change it. So, with that being said, it's \$68,000 for both of them and they are, the total is actually \$89,511 but they are giving us a trade in on our old monitor and our Phillip monitor so, that gets us down to \$68,000.

Mrs. Gallo said, so the trade in value that they have given us is \$21,000?

Chief Parish said, the trade in value for both of them is, for one of them, no it's \$5,000 and \$4,000. One was \$5,000 and one was \$4,000. Plus, with some other discounts that they gave us, I mean, the total on the back of this page is...

Mrs. Gallo said, the total discounts on this page is \$21,000. \$19,000...

Chief Parish said, yeah, the total discounts I guess with the trade in's and the discounts it comes to \$10,000 and \$9,000, so yeah, about \$20,000. But, like I said, we didn't anticipate this. This wasn't, when she called to schedule the service and they said, it was up in September. It's got us in panic mode right now because we can't run an ambulance without it at all and if we don't have it, I mean, how to say this? You don't service it, you use it and everything is good until it's not.

Mrs. Gallo said, it's a liability.

Chief Parish said, it's a liability. I can tell you our medical control doctor is not going to like that. Our insurance company is not going to like that because its a liability. I do apologize, I know this is July. I know this happens in September and it doesn't give us a lot of room to fix this. If we can't do two of them this year, at the very least, we have to look at one. We, like I said, they did offer us a finance plan. That's this page right here with the yellow on it. They

do have three and a five year option. We were honestly looking at the five year option because that's the \$15,300 right there, we budget EMS capital every year at \$15,000. Well, besides the monitors, we have no EMS capital that we really need. That is our biggest capital equipment is the monitors. So, everything else has either been replaced already or... We are in really, really good shape with most of our other equipment. So, nothing else really needs to be, so we felt really comfortable in saying that we could do this for 5 years. You've got a 15 year or 20 year investment on these monitors. We felt really good on a 5 year investment.

Mr. Trascher asked, what about in 8 years, are they going to service this one?

Chief Parish said, this one is in service.

Mr. Trascher said, because you said, after 8 years, they quit.

Chief Parish said, well, no, the reason for the 8 years came up is because, way back in 2006 they starting sending a letter saying the Lifepak 12 was going away. Well, again we couldn't afford, 4 years ago we didn't want to spend \$30,000 on a monitor. So, we bought a refurbished one. So, when we bought it four years ago, they said, when parts run out, bla bla bla. What they didn't tell us is that after 8 years, that monitor, it was not brand new when we bought it it was refurbished. What they didn't tell us is that when it reached 8 years old they would not service anymore.

Mrs. Gallo said, how long, how old was that model when you already purchased it in 2012? Potentially, 10 years old?

Chief Parish said, Potentially.

Mrs. Gallo said, and then we got that extra 6.

Mrs. Grisaffi said, I don't think it was quite that old but...

Chief Parish said, it could be potentially but I'd have to have Physio 'Control pull the serial number to tell the real manufacturing date. I mean, the way Physio Control does it is when they refurbish a monitor, we bought it. It wasn't brand new but it was brand new. I mean, it was factory re-certified...

Mrs. Gallo said, it was new to us.

Chief Parish said, you know, they replaced the case on it, it was...

Mrs. Gallo said, I am just trying to address Floyd's question.

Chief Parish said, sure. The only thing that I guess, that didn't get replaced is the internal component, the guts.

Chief Leos said, let me ask this. When you buy a new one, eight years from now will that one go away too?

Chief Parish said, because it's the current model, there's no newer models out there. From what he tells me.

Chief Leos said, is that what you were asking?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, that was my concern. You make the statement of 8 years.

Mrs. Gallo said, that was my followup question was.

Mr. Trascher said, the quit calibrating it.

Chief Parish said, the best answer I can give you without asking them for sure is, on the Lifepak 12, like I said, it's got a 15 or 20 year service life on it. If next year they come out with a Lifepak 16, we still have, they have to guarantee 12 years on that life on that monitor.

Mrs. Gallo said, that was my question, yes, ok.

Chief Parish said, but, according to the conversations that we've had this week with him, this is the newest one. There's hospital models out but that doesn't work for us. So, this is the newest one, there's no hands on, looking forward to the changing it. So, we are looking at at least 15 years.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, it is a significant capital expense.

Chief Parish said, yes sir.

Mr. Trascher said, and I have a little concern about the supplier giving you the sole source letter. Would it be possible to spec this equipment out and ask another company to bid even if we get a letter for no bids and we could approve it in August and that would still give us until September.

Chief Parish said, because of this letter, Mr. Floyd, it is a sole source provider. Nobody else can bid on it. Nobody else will.

Mr. Trascher said, but it would give you that, something stating that we are not going to bid on it because we can't supply that equipment. We don't offer that equipment and that would cover us.

Chief Parish said, but they gave me this letter Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Trascher said, I understand that. It's like asking Chevrolet...

Chief Parish said, if you would like us to check on that we can do it but it's a sole source. That's not us, there's nothing I can do about this.

Mr. Trascher said, well, I understand that. That's, I understand that.

Chief Parish said, there in control of a sole source. So, if I call Mrs. Michele's medical company and say I want a Lifepak 15, can you sell me one? They are going to say it's a sole source. I cannot, it's a sole source.

Mr. Trascher said, we have someone else verify it with the suppliers, right.

Chief Parish said, but this letter, the reason I included the letter for you, this letter is what I have to give to you. Because, by this letter the auditor and the State Legislation says this is all we need because they are a sole source provider, I don't have to call anybody else.

Mr. Trascher said, well, my only concern is the suppliers. It's like Chevrolet saying...

Chief Leos said, why don't we ask the auditor that very question.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, if they are satisfied with it, I would be. That would be, I mean, if we can approve it at...

Chief Leos said, they are going to write us up if we do something wrong.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, if we can do it in August...

Chief Parish said, absolutely, I mean...

Mr. Trascher said, Mrs. Gallo, I...

Chief Parish said, we can definitely ask that question but that's why I included the letter for you and that's why they gave me the letter is because that letter right there is what...

Mr. Trascher said, I understand that, my, just me looking at it, next year or the year after when they look at it, they say well that is the provider and they are saying that they are.

Chief Parish said, absolutely.

Mr. Trascher said, and they probably are and your right, but at least we have something, some other documentation in our files that says, we can't get it. We can't get it. That would satisfy the requirements for the bid and certainly, we can award it. We could do that.

Mrs. Gallo said, I think it's a redundant activity because this letter is already telling you that they can't get it.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what they do.

Chief Parish said, that's where I am at. Mr. Floyd, if that's what y'all want we will definitely ask for it if that makes you happy but that is exactly what this letter tells you.

Mrs. Gallo said, aren't we spinning our wheels at that point though.

Mr. Trascher said, or if the auditor says that it's...

Mrs. Gallo said, it seems to me that we would be spinning our wheels because this is what tells us that no one else is going to have it. So, why would we call someone else to ask us to tell them that no one else is going to have it?

Chief Leos said, I would like to ask the auditors up front before this shows up next year.

Mrs. Blackwell said, and we will get our hand slapped again next year.

Chief Leos said, get a heads up to say look, we got the sole provider letter, is this all we are going to need? If they say ok, they put it in writing that way...

Chief Parish said, we can call and ask all the questions...

Mr. Trascher said, that's my only concern, is that we are covered.

Chief Leos said, so they won't write us up.

Mr. Trascher said, exactly.

Chief Parish said, the good thing about this letter is Physio Control provided it to us. When the auditor says why, we give this to them. This becomes their problem. They are the one who provided the document saying, but look, we can ask the auditor, we can ask other companies. I'm not...

Mr. Trascher said, that's the only thing, if we did either way, the auditor...

Chief Parish said, the auditor, what ever we got to do, I don't have a problem with that. We have to have it.

Mrs. Gallo said, because I now concerned, it's a rating year, right? So, if we...

Chief Leos said, it really doesn't effect us on the rating.

Chief Parish said, yeah, our fire side is not...

Mrs. Gallo said, our EMS is not looked at at all?

Chief Parish said, they don't.

Mrs. Gallo said, ok. Alright, so, would August give us enough time to act on this having, needing to be replaced by September?

Captain Mitchell Giessler said, if you order it in August, would be here by then?

Chief Parish said, that's something I cannot, I can try to make a phone call and see if he will answer and see what kind of leeway he has. I would, I don't know. I can tell in my air packs, when I'm ordering air packs, if I order one today, I can tell you I ordered 20 of them for Slidell in March, I just got them in last week. But, they...

Chief Leos said, a lot of times they are build these things as they are ordered.

Chief Parish said, right, that's how those were, they were building them before. I don't know because Physio Control is an international company. They are not local.

Mrs. Grisaffi said, when we ordered the last one it was 7 or 8 weeks.

Chief Parish said, I mean, I can call him and ask him. Worst case scenario, we can...

Mrs. Gallo said, that's my fear and I get the audit fear.

Chief Parish said, worse case scenario we can ask the auditor and ask for a special meeting to approve it if that's what we got to do in the next week or two.

Mrs. Gallo said, I get the audit fear and I don't want to be dinged for anything on audit either. However, if you are going to weigh out the fear of an audit ding or a life saving...

Mrs. Blackwell said, situation.

Mrs. Gallo said, situation, I think that's an easy decision, but...

Chief Parish said, we can do this two ways also. If y'all are good with this, we can start this process, ask the auditor, I mean, just because we start it...

Mrs. Gallo said, can we open the floor and take a vote on it tonight provided that we get it cleared from the auditor that this is acceptable?

Chief Parish said, that's what I was asking.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know that you can approve a resolution predicated. I wouldn't...

Mrs. Blackwell said, do you think we would still get our hand slapped? We approved it before the auditor, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, we tried something like that before and we were told by legal that you can't do that. You can't do a phone poll, you have to do a special meeting just to approve this if it goes through. We can do that. I mean, we need to find out the delivery date.

Chief Parish said, I'll have to call him. I can call him.

Mrs. Gallo said, that's my concern. It sounds to me that everything else is in order.

Chief Parish said, if you like, I can try to reach out to him right now. It's a cell phone, he might answer it. I can ask and see what he says and let you know.

Captain Giessler said, I would like to say, just consider this. It's not here by September, that would potentially put our EMS (inaudible).

Chief Parish said, we would have to put it on hold.

Mr. Trascher asked, well, what about the other unit? Isn't the other unit functional in the ambulance? Both of them don't go out at the same time, huh?

Chief Parish asked, what is the dates on the Phillip's?

Mrs. Grisaffi asked, the date on the Phillip's? That one's, good Lord, that one's at least...

Chief Parish asked, does it need to be serviced now?

Mrs. Grisaffi said, (inaudible) go out. It can't be serviced anymore. That's why...

Chief Parish asked, when did it go out?

Captain Giessler asked, when is the date (inaudible)

Mrs. Blackwell said, is there...

Chief Parish said, so right now we have one monitor, apparently.

Mr. Trascher asked, when did that one expire?

Chief Parish said, yeah, that's going to be a question that we are going to ask, Mr. Floyd.

Captain Giessler asked, if you can get it serviced, when could it be done?

Mrs. Grisaffi said, when would it be done? I don't know (inaudible), maybe couple of weeks.

Chief Parish said, I am going to reach out and see if I can reach him.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, please, because that's...

Mrs. Gallo said, it's concerning.

Mr. Trascher said, it's a big expense.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes it is. With one out...

Mrs. Gallo said, with only having one, if the lead time is 7 to 8 weeks...

Mr. Trascher said, we already behind the 8 ball.

Mrs. Gallo said, then it would have to be ordered like, this week to get it in the first week of September. I mean, the only good saving grace here is, the five year payment is within the budget structure that we have in place. So, that part is the no brainer, but that's concerning if we don't take action.

Mr. Trascher said, right, financial we have to...

Chief Leos said, I think the auditor is the first step to make sure they are ok with it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we need a list of equipment service dates of equipment.

Mr. Trascher said, I hope I'm not going to be able to say that...

Mrs. Gallo said, that's what Don has been saying for quite a while is...

Mr. Trascher said, because either the auditor or if we we had the other two letter that said they can't get it, can't supply it.

Mrs. Gallo said, Chief Dockery, didn't you tell me before, when I was signing checks one day, that we have a five year plan with equipment that expires and so on already in place?

Chief Dockery said, I want to say Chief Leos and, at the time, Chief Bruns, had a five year plan. I would have to look about it.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know if it was ever complete. I think they were working on it.

Chief Leos said, we were working on it. What's going to have to happen, if we approve this one

Mrs. Gallo said, that is so critical

Chief Leos said, we are looking at an eight year window, say 12 to 8. Then, what needs to happen is, on the 18 budget, there's needs to be a line item in there for the replacement of this monitor within that 8 years.

Mr. Trascher said, ideally, what I would like to do, if we can do it, if we can salvage one of these, like the other monitor or something. Instead of buying two of these at once, if we can get one now...

Chief Leos said, I think the issue is they won't calibrate it and if they won't calibrate it...

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, I mean, that's with the other one.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, both of them are not calibrate able?

Mr. Trascher asked, when does the calibration expire on the other one?

Chief Leos said, Phillips, like I said Bobby Crowe bought those.

Captain Giessler said, we had that one probably going on 8 years...

Mrs. Blackwell said, he's saying that, that one is already expired so there is no back up.

Mr. Trascher asked, so you can't use it now?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, am I right? There is no back up? The other monitor is expired?

Chief Leos said, when this one runs out, there won't be a backup as far as I know. The Phillip's is that old.

Mrs. Grisaffi said, they just can't work on it anymore. They don't even make that monitor anymore. So, they (inaudible).

Mr. Trascher said, cause they using it now. The ambulance (inaudible).

Captain Giessler said, (inaudible) whoever makes that monitor, yeah.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, your saying it can't be calibrated, we shouldn't be using it at all? Correct?

Mrs. Grisaffi said, that model was calibrated last year

Chief Leos said, we can point the finger but I rather not get into that.

Mr. Trascher said, that don't solve the problem. It won't solve the problem.

Chief Leos said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, let's solve the problem.

Mrs. Grisaffi said, it's good for a year.

Mr. Trascher asked, good news Matt?

Chief Parish said, yeah, it is actually. So, we can ask the questions. We can do this next month, in August and he said, 30 days is the norm. We can do an emergency something with them, they get it quicker. As long as we do it in August.

Mrs. Gallo said, so if we have a special meeting, well, if we wait until August we are going to be mid August for a vote.

Chief Parish said, that's right, so he is saying 30 days.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, when is our next meeting?

Mrs. Gallo said, if we have a special meeting within the next week to two weeks we would be in a safe position.

Chief Parish said, absolutely.

Mr. Trascher said, it can't be more than the 14th in August.

Mrs. Blackwell said, August 8th is our next meeting.

Chief Parish said, so if we had a meeting August 8th and we ordered it August 9th, August 9th would be Wednesday. He is saying a 30 day lee way. He said on average is 30 days.

Mr. Trascher said, right, so we could do something emergency if we have to. It will give us time and we can defer it now.

Chief Parish said, it would give us a chance to ask the question.

Mr. Trascher said, ask the auditor and/or get the other two letters.

Mrs. Gallo said, I in agreement with the purchase and I like the way the 5 year plan looks. I think it falls in line with our budget.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like to wait and get the auditors question answered and what ever other bids and the exact delivery date.

Chief Parish said, there's not, Mr. Floyd...

Mr. Trascher said, if not, if you do an emergency and get it in two weeks or something.

Chief Parish said, there will not be another bid. I am going to tell you that now. I will call them and they say no. I am going to sit up here next month I'm gonna say I called and asked and they won't submit it because it's a sole source.

Mr. Trascher said, but without a letter from the auditor or something, two more sitting in the file, when they look at this when all the dust has settled, that's the only way you can guarantee it. I mean, and I think that would fall within our time. That's just my thinking.

Chief Parish said, we are good with 30 days, 30 days is what he said so if y'all want to wait until next month, that's good. I'm sorry, I would really like to have that meeting in the next two weeks. Just a special meeting just for this because I don't want to, I don't like my back against the wall and if I wait until August...

Mr. Trascher said, get everything together and satisfy that, then I wouldn't have a problem with that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if you can get everything together, give me a call and see if...

Chief Parish said, we will reach out to the auditor. Who's the, we will reach out to the auditor tomorrow.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I would like to have...

Mrs. Gallo said, that would make me comfortable as well.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that makes everybody happy...

Mrs. Gallo said, yes, I would like to get it off the table and get the address issued, I mean, the issue addressed.

Chief Parish said, reach out to the auditor tomorrow. It should be a really quick answer. I will ask him tomorrow and we probably will have an answer tomorrow.

Mr. Trascher said, ok.

Mrs. Gallo said, when you say the auditor, are you talking about LLA or CRI?

Chief Parish said, LLA or CRI? Who's doing our audit?

Chief Dockery said, oh, CRI.

Mrs. Gallo said, CRI is who we would call?

Chief Leos said, CRI. That's what we were talking about, who to call.

Chief Parish said, I would ask them, they are doing our audit right now, right? I would ask them.

Chief Leos said, I would send them a fax copy of that sole provider letter.

Chief Parish said, not a problem, we can email it to them

Mrs. Blackwell said, that way you would have receipt.

Chief Parish asked, ma'am, I'm sorry?

Mrs. Blackwell said, that way you would have a transit receipt.

Chief Parish said, yeah, I don't like faxes, I like emails because I can...

Mrs. Blackwell said, save it.

Chief Parish said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, and they should email us back and then we can put that in the files and that would address my concerns.

Mrs. Gallo said, I would rather do that and wait and go into August and get into that September time frame.

Chief Parish said, and look, I will go ahead and call some other companies but I know what they are going to tell me because....

Mrs. Gallo said, it may not be necessary if the auditor says this is perfectly acceptable.

Mr. Trascher said, or if they just sent you an email, that would satisfy it. Either way.

Chief Parish said, ok, that's it, huh? For the Chief's... nothing else? Everything else is good.

Chief Leos said, yeah. That's it.

Mrs. Gallo said, thank you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you Mr., Chief Parish. Just let me know whenever you get all that information.

Chief Parish said, yes ma'am. We will forward that to them tomorrow.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, I appreciate that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, well, if that's it with the Chief's report. Chief, did you have something about surplus and donation, radios? I'm sorry.

Chief Leos said, yes.

Chief Parish said, yes, I do. I'm sorry I forgot.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, well, come on back.

Chief Leos said, we've got some old EF Johnson radios, 700's. We tried to offer them to local fire departments but everybody got a grant and they got them. There is a fire district in Washington Parish that requested them and we were wanting to surplus the EF Johnson's and then donate it to them.

Chief Parish said, there's 25 portable radios that we replaced when we got this grant at the beginning of the year. I think we spent \$9,000 for \$100,000 worth of radios and actually, we are still waiting for the State Fire Marshal, Mike Rant. He is suppose to reimburse us \$7,000 of that \$9,000 back. Like Chief said, we tried to see if any of our department, we want to take care of our Parish first. Everybody in our Parish got new radios or already had them. Nobody wants them, nobody needs them. They are over 10 years, they are 10 years old. We bought them in 2006 or 2007 after Katrina when the state first developed that State wide system. I think the newest one is 2009. So, we are not gonna use them. They are old and obsolete. They are good for a department that doesn't have anything or who doesn't have a lot of money. Washington Parish, Fire District 7, is a very poor, one of many poor fire departments in Washington Parish which is next door to us. So, we would like surplus. I mean, we got to surplus them because we don't need them in inventory no more. So, we got to move them from the inventory anyway.

Mrs. Gallo said, we don't use them, right?

Chief Parish said, no ma'am.

Mr. Trascher said, I wouldn't have a problem. The only thing I would like to do before we do is, run it by legal. By Terry Hand, to be sure that donating to the department. It's going to be a like service entity so, I don't think it's a problem.

Chief Parish said, it's not but, we can do that too.

Mr. Trascher said, if we can just check with them to be sure that it does apply.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will draw up a letter like we did with the trailer we donated to Mississippi and stuff.

Chief Parish said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok.

Chief Parish said, but the first thing we need to do is remove them from inventory and that takes a Board Resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, what we can do tonight is, let's see, we can open the agenda, we can surplus those radios. Then, you can check with legal and get a letter of request from the fire district that we would like to donate it.

Chief Parish said, like we did the trailer...

Mr. Trascher said, right, we can come back next month and firm up a resolution to donate it. With that said, I move we open the agenda.

Chief Parish said, I forgot all about that.

Mrs. Gallo said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, all in favor, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Trascher asked, ok, do we have a list of equipment that we are going to be surplus?

Chief Leos said, yeah, we have serial numbers and all.

Mr. Trascher said, ok, because we don't, I am going to offer a resolution to surplus them but I don't have the list. We will have that?

Chief Leos said, yeah, you will have it.

Mr. Trascher asked, before we do it. Ok, so, the department is going to prepare a list of radios that we have found are no longer necessary because we replaced them and I would move that we surplus, move those radios into surplus with this department.

Mrs. Gallo said, I second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, all in favor, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Floyd Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Chief Parish said, we will have that for you next month.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thank you. We need to close it. I am ready to go home.

Mr. Trascher said, finish your agenda, Madam Chairman.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that's all. Is that it? I just happen to glance down on my highlighted. Thank you Georgette, your wonderful.

Chief Leos said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to old business.

OLD BUSINESS

REGARDING DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Mrs. Blackwell said, I received a letter from Mr. Tony Lamon. (Mrs. Blackwell read)

I am writing in response to your letter addressed to District Attorney Warren Montgomery dated May 10, 2017, which was sent to our office by Mr. Floyd Trascher via email on May 17, 2017. Since receiving your letter, I have taken the opportunity to review the minutes of the Board of Commissioner's meeting held on May 9, 2017. It is clear from those minutes that the Board has elected to rely upon the advice and counsel of the attorneys in the St. Tammany Parish Government Legal Department on Koop Drive.

Therefore, our office is in the process of assembling all of the documents and materials which Fire Protection District #11 has previously delivered to us in reference to these legal matters. When that process is complete, we will notify you and will then release these materials to whomever you designate.

Mrs. Blackwell said, after getting this letter, we have already gotten a email stating that they were ready to be picked up. I designated Mr. Trascher to pick them up. He has then picked them up Monday, yesterday and taken them to Mr. Terry Hand.

Mr. Trascher said, they were hand delivered to Mr. Hand's office.

Mrs. Gallo said, wonderful, good deal, and which files were that? That was everything from the the bond issues?

Mr. Trascher said, it was basically was an issue with Troy Ingram, some payroll issues that were done. A lot of those issues at this point...

Mrs. Gallo asked, but, was the bond issue included in there? The one that we were waiting on an answer?

Mr. Trascher said, not with the bond.

Mrs. Gallo said, no, that's something else.

Mrs. Blackwell said, that's from the Attorney General's office.

Chief Dockery said, that's the Attorney General.

Mr. Trascher said, that's not the in there. Basically, Mr. Ingram's invoice, some payroll issues and some different things. Some of the issues have been resolved. I think the District Attorney's Office was remiss because they hold that information for 2 years, those files and not do anything one way or the other with it. Mr. Hand is going to review and I think that's what we talked about with Mr. Thanars request. You know, to get Mr. Ingram's invoice either paid or not paid.

Mrs. Gallo said, satisfied one way or the other.

Mr. Trascher said, right. It hasn't been included in our audit so it is not showing up as a debt. I mean, at this point we need to resolve it one way or the other. Mr. Hand was going to begin reviewing the information and I think he was going to attempt to contact Mr. Ingram.

Mrs. Gallo said, ok.

Mr. Trascher said, so, if I hear anymore I will be happy to make the Board aware of the situation. But, the District Attorney's office has removed itself from this department and somehow, they got the minutes from the March meeting. I don't know how. We didn't send them.

Mrs. Gallo said, oh, I assumed they were sent.

Mr. Trascher said, no, we didn't, as a Board, did not send those minutes to the District Attorney's Office.

Mrs. Gallo said, that's interesting.

Mr. Trascher said, so, somebody had to forward or questioned or forwarded those minutes to them.

Mrs. Gallo asked, is anywhere, did they request them from the department? No?

Chief Dockery said, not to my knowledge.

Mrs. Blackwell said, with that being said...

Mr. Trascher said, but, anyway, it is what it is. But, at 8:25, Monday morning I did pick up the files. There was an index, I did not inventory the index because, I had to sign a receipt that I picked them up but I did note on the receipt that it was not inventoried. They had a list of the documents including the tapes and whatever. That was hand carried to Mr. Hand.

Mrs. Gallo said, good. Hopefully we get some resolution on that.

Mr. Trascher said, he did call and confirm that he had received it.

Mrs. Gallo said, good, that's great.

Mrs. Blackwell said, ok, that's all I have. Would we like to make a motion to adjourn?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries, oops.

Mr. Trascher said, is there anybody else that wants to say anything before we adjourn? No, everything is good?

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mrs. Jackelyn Gallo, how do you vote?

Mrs. Gallo said, yes.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, thanks everybody for coming and motion carried.