

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 12, 2024**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 4:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Hannah, Commission Chairman
Ken Carter, Commission Vice Chairman/Treasurer
Paul Bowen, Commission Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief	Ronnie Myers, Lieutenant
Shane Bagwell, Deputy Chief	David Wirnsberger, Lieutenant
Marty Dixon, Assistant Chief	Matthew Trotter, Firefighter
Ricky Burgess, Battalion Chief	Justin Mintz, Firefighter
Hunter Perry, Captain	Brooks Young, Firefighter
Joe Wofford, Lieutenant	Hadyn Coley, Firefighter
Andy Buckhout, Lieutenant	Travis Chillious, Firefighter
Alicia Jenkins, Administrative Data Coordinator	Lance Loveridge, Firefighter
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist	Andrew Van Hoven, Firefighter

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Bailey (Love Bailey CPA), Keith Cunningham, Jaime Daniel, Brent Edgerton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hannah at 4:30 pm.

Chairman Hannah stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this bi-monthly meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and X.

Chairman Hannah led everyone in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hannah amended the agenda to omit the new Station/Headquarters update from the agenda due to the presenter's absence.

Mr. Brent Edgerton addressed the Board to offer his and Mr. Keith Cunningham's brokerage and development services to the District when it is ready to liquidate the existing Station #81 Headquarters. A brief presentation ensued. Mr. Edgerton thanked the Board for its time.

Mr. Gary Bailey presented the findings of the FY2023 Draft Financial Audit Report. He then commended Mrs. Jaime Daniel and Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler on their great job with the District's financials. Love Bailey issued an unqualified or clean opinion of the FY2023 Draft Financial Audit Report with no audit findings. Lastly, Mr. Bailey asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Chairman Hannah presented the minutes from the regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting held on January 9, 2024, at 4:30 pm and the special called meetings held on January 22, 2024 at 8:30 am and

February 8, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Secretary Bowen made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannah recognized Fire Chief Baker for the Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Baker referred to Battalion Chief Burgess for personnel recognition. Battalion Chief Burgess presented a brief C-Shift training video to the Board. He then presented a letter of commendation for outstanding performance during a motor vehicle accident with entrapment involving Lieutenant Wofford, Lieutenant Myers, Firefighter Loveridge, Firefighter Boswell, Firefighter Young, Firefighter Chillious, and Firefighter Compton. Battalion Chief Burgess then presented a second letter of commendation for going above and beyond during a citizen assist call involving Lieutenant Wofford, Firefighter Boswell, and Firefighter Loveridge. Fire Chief Baker continued with personnel recognition and read aloud a letter from Battalion Chief Reed detailing the exceptional dedication and professionalism displayed by B-Shift while on a forcible entry EMS assist call involving Lieutenant Guin, Fire Specialist Longino, and Firefighter Harvey. The Board and Fire Chief Baker commended all shifts for their hard work and dedication to the Department.

Fire Chief Baker then reviewed the meetings attended during the previous months, as well as upcoming meetings/training. He recognized the years of service, resignations, and deployment for various personnel. Fire Chief Baker announced that the Department hired Blake Spence assigned to A-Shift on February 12, 2024, Nathan Jones assigned to B-Shift on February 28, 2024, and Andrew Van Hoven assigned to C-Shift on February 29, 2024. Fire Chief Baker also announced that the Department received its latest Public Protection Classification Summary Report stating that the Department has received and maintained an ISO Class-1 rating with a score of 91.06 out of a total score of 105.50. He thanked all personnel for their hard work in helping to achieve and maintain the rating. Fire Chief Baker reminded the Board that South Carolina State Ethics Reports for 2024 are due by Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 12:00 pm. Fire Chief Baker shared some legislative bills that are currently being discussed in the Senate and House of Representatives. The Department received \$319.00 from the collection and recycling of the aluminum cans program, with proceeds going towards the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation. Lastly, Fire Chief Baker summarized the Incident Response Reports for the months of January and February 2024 and the 2024 South Carolina Fire Fatalities Report as of January 23, 2024. With there being no questions or comments with the Fire Department Report, Secretary Bowen made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report as presented. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannah recognized Mrs. Jaime Daniel for the Financial Reports. Mrs. Daniel reviewed the Financial Reports from July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024, the first seven months of fiscal year 2024. She detailed the statements of net position, the statements of activities, general funds, and the cash flow statements. With no questions or comments with the Financial Reports, Secretary Bowen made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Bowen made a motion to go into executive session as per SC Code of Law Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and 30-4-70(a)(2) for discussion of compensation of employees, Commissioners, and other employment related issues; and for discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to the proposed sale, swap, or purchase of property by the District. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 5:14 pm.

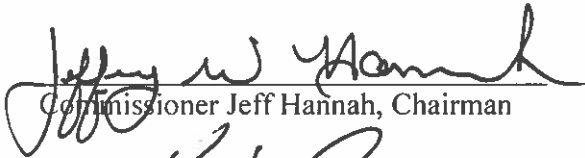
Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to exit executive session. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 6:18 pm. No action was taken during executive session.

Under old business, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist Hackler informed the Board that the new Piedmont Natural Gas service agreements for the new Station/Headquarters came in listing Administrative Data Coordinator Jenkins as the signatory and requested permission for Administrative Data Coordinator Jenkins to execute those documents. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to accept the proposal for Administrative Data Coordinator Jenkins to sign the documents for Piedmont Natural Gas. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no new business to discuss.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman/Treasurer Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.


Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Chairman


Commissioner Ken Carter, Vice Chairman/Treasurer


Commissioner Paul Bowen, Secretary

5-14-24
Date Minutes Approved