

# Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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August 15, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 15th day of August 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

*Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Efeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Chairman  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Chris Saenz, Deputy County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

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## BUDGET HEARING

At 9:33 A.M. Commissioner Zimmerman moved to enter into the Budget Hearing.  
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

**BUDGET HEARING: 2024 Operating Budget:**

-Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, will provide details. Fire District officials were asked to submit a preliminary budget request for the 2024 Operating Year. It is now presented to receive public comment.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, said the Notice of Budget Hearing was published in The Tribune on August 5, 2023 which included prior year actual numbers, current year estimates and proposed Budget Year 2024 expenditures, estimated mill levy amounts and ad valorem tax amounts. The budget shows a 3.343 mill levy with an increased value of about \$2.4 million from 2023. We did come in under the revenue neutral rate by 0.002 mills, a little over a 0.3 mill reduction from last year. Actual expenditures stayed the same. The only thing that changed was the transfer amount which was adjusted to meet the revenue neutral specifications.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Patzner was important to the county and hoped he would stay for a long time.

At 9:37 A.M. Commissioner Zimmerman moved to close the Budget Hearing.  
Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

Commissioner Efeld moved to approve the agenda.  
Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.  
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2023, Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

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All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET:**

-Matt Patzner will provide details. The Budget Hearing for the proposed 2024 Operating Budget was conducted prior to this Regular Meeting. The Governing Body is now asked to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, asked for adoption of the Fire District No. 1 2024 Budget as presented.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Doug Hubbard, Fire District No. 1 Fire Chief – last March, they put out a RFP for self-contained breathing apparatus. The bids came in higher than anticipated. They have a couple of grants in the works. The bids came in around \$130,000.

Commissioner Hutchinson – how much did they have set aside.

Hubbard – approximately \$101,000.

Commissioner Zimmerman – asked if the grants applied for were for the breathing apparatus. Hubbard said yes.

Commissioner Zimmerman – appreciated the work done in finding grants.

Commissioner Reif – saw they received the grant for the Anheuser-Busch water.

Hubbard – said they did receive it and noted that the water comes in cans, similar to adult beverages.

They received 96 cases of canned water.

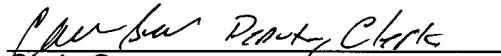
## **V. ADJOURN:**

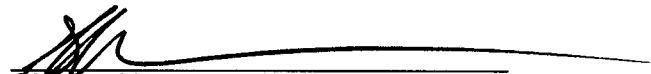
Commissioner Reif made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Chris Saenz  
Barton County Deputy Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman