

# Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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December 28, 2023

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 28th day of December 2023, at the 1500 Kansas location.

*Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Barb Esfeld, 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  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

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## BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

At 9:23 A.M. Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING: 2023 Operating Budget:**

-Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, will present details. This Budget Amendment Hearing has been scheduled to receive comments relative to amending the 2023 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1. Despite the efforts of administrative personnel, budget estimates must be adjusted so that funds fall in budgetary laws.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, said Fire District No. 1 Budget Amendment request was due to unanticipated revenue from various sources unrelated to ad valorem tax. All these funds have sufficient unanticipated revenue and prior year cash carry forward to fund the requested budget amendments. Amending the budget will increase budget authority by \$16,000 to allow for the transfer of unanticipated revenue into reserve funds for future projects if it is deemed practical and necessary.

At 9:25 A.M. Commissioner Reif moved to close the Budget Amendment Hearing and move into the Agenda Meeting.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Schlessiger moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

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## II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

## III. NEW BUSINESS:

-Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, will present details. This Budget Amendment Hearing has been scheduled to receive comments relative to amending the 2023 Operating Budget for Fire District No. 1. Despite the efforts of administrative personnel, budget estimates must be adjusted so that funds fall within budgetary laws.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, asked for approval of the 2023 Budget Amendments for Fire District No. 1 as previously presented.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to adopt the 2023 Budget Amendments for Fire District No. 1 as published. Commissioner Reif seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Doug Hubbard, Fire District No. 1 Fire Chief, said the unanticipated revenue was reimbursement of a grant from 2022. The equipment was paid for in 2022 and the reimbursement just came in 2023. The \$16,000.00 along with what they had budgeted would help them be able to replace air packs. Hubbard was retiring January 1, 2024, and Kyle Smith would be the new Fire Chief. Hubbard said he would help them if they wanted him to. County Commissioners had been the governing body since the district started in 1974.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Hubbard what was next for him. Hubbard said he had a lot of ideas and his wife had ideas also. Hubbard said he had been on the Fire Department for 49 years.

Commissioner Reif said Claflin had been fortunate to have him.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she worked with Hubbard when she was County Clerk with the accounts payable and it had always been a pleasure.

Commissioner Schlessiger thanked Hubbard for his years of service.

## IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

## V. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 A.M.

Commissioner Esfeld seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

  
Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Shawn Hutchinson, Chairman