

Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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June 11, 2024

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 11th day of June 2024, at the Barton County Courthouse.

Members present:

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1st District
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2nd District, Chairman
Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3rd District
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4th District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5th District
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk
Matt Patzner, County Administrator
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

I. OPENING BUSINESS:

Commissioner Esfeld called the meeting to order at 9:27 A.M.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2023, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Schlessiger seconded the motion.
All voted aye. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION 2024-01: Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2023 Fire District No. 1 Unexpended Funds to the Special Equipment Fund:

-Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, will provide details. Fire District No. 1, created to provide fire protection to a portion of northeastern Barton County, is financed by the City of Claflin and Cheyenne, Independent and Logan Townships. The Board will consider transferring remaining 2023 funds to the Fire District's Special Equipment Fund.

Matt Patzner, Barton County Administrator, said after looking at where they ended, transferring \$45,000.00 would put us in a good position to remain revenue neutral in 2025. There was unanticipated revenue, and a budget amendment was made for that. We were quite a bit under budget in 2023.

Chris Steiner, Fire District No. 1, said they had received a grant and thought it would be reimbursed in 2022. It was not reimbursed until 2023 so there was more carryover.

Patzner said had it been reimbursed in 2022, it would have gone back into the reserve funds.

Commissioner Zimmerman asked Patzner what that would bring the reserve account balance to. Patzner said if the transfer were approved, it would bring the balance to about \$146,000.

Commissioner Reif said he had great respect for Claflin Fire Department and appreciated Chris Steiner and Ryan Oeser for what they do for the townships. They were always willing to assist other departments.

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Commissioner Reif moved to adopt Resolution 2024-01, A Resolution Transferring and Carrying Over 2023 Fire District No. 1 Unexpended Funds to the Special Equipment Fund.

Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Steiner said unfortunately, they had struck out the last 4 years on grant attempts for SCBA, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. It would cost \$135,000 for 12 air packs, masks for 29 men and 3 bottles for each of the air packs. If they did not receive grant funding, they will have to purchase the equipment. Oeser had taken over grant writing, and they were hopeful to receive some soon.

Oeser said they had decided to have a raffle every year to raise funds. It should give them proceeds of about \$30,00 every ten years. That would allow them to purchase bunker gear and SCBA's without putting another tax burden on taxpayers. They will give away a gun a day in the month of September and only 1,000 tickets were available.

Commissioner Hutchinson said there were 30 guns in this year's raffle and asked if they were provided locally. Oeser said they were from Cheyenne Bottoms Armory out of Claflin.

Commissioner Esfeld asked how to get tickets. Steiner said to call the Fire Station or check the Facebook page.

Commissioner Esfeld asked about any restrictions with the 4th of July coming up. Oeser said that was discussed at the Fire Chiefs meeting last week. With the recent rains, everyone agreed so far that the county was in a good place. Will have to go week by week to see if any more rain were received.

Commissioner Reif said we need to support them; they were dedicated to their communities.

Commissioner Esfeld appreciated the raffle instead of passing the expenses to the taxpayers.

Steiner said they have an annual fundraiser for Claflin Fire and EMS. The community always stepped up and supported them. They were trying to find a broader area to reach for funds. Steiner said they were working on several other grants.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

V. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler
Barton County Clerk



Barb Esfeld, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2024-01

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING AND CARRYING-OVER 2023 FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
UNEXPENDED FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Fire District No. 1, Barton County, Kansas, uses a fiscal budget each year for Fire District No. 1 that is adopted by Barton County; and

WHEREAS, Fire District No. 1 was created to provide fire protection to a large portion of the northeastern section of Barton County and that the financing is provided by the City of Claflin and Cheyenne, Independent and Logan Townships; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District wishes to transfer remaining 2023 funds to the Fire District's Special Equipment Fund for future purchases.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, that the following funds, not to be exceeded by the amount listed, be transferred to the Special Equipment Fund of Fire District No. 1, as of the close of business for 2023:

Fire District #1 – Capital Improvement and Special Equipment		
Transfer From	Amount	Transfer To Fund/Line
055 - Fire District # 1	\$45,000.00	070-00-8025 Fire District #1

AND, SECOND, that the funds remaining in the Special Equipment Fund of Fire District No. 1, as of the close of business for 2023 be carried over into that same fund for 2024.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2024.


GOVERNING BOARD


Barb Esfeld, Chairman


Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner


Duane A Reif, Commissioner


Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner


Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Bev Schmeidler,
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor