



**BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

February 13, 2023

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **3:30 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner  
Dennis Bates, Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Scott Hawley, Captain  
Pete Day, Captain  
Kale Guerin  
Everett Smillie  
Nicole Strasser

ABSENT: *None.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 02-13-2023
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 02-06-2023

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated February 13, 2023, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated February 6, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 02-20-23, HOLIDAY: Presidents Day Observed, Office Closed
- **03-06-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **03-20-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- **03-24-23, Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM, Tucannon Winery (on a Friday)**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6821-101:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 38,625.34,  
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 29,149.41,  
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 12,474.17,

*Grand Total of \$80,248.92*

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$38,625.34, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$29,149.41, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$12,474.17; for a Grand Total of \$ 80,248.92. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*



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**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- BCES Dispatch Radio: estimated to cost about 40 million to replace current radio tower. A shutdown of power will be impactful to all agencies across Benton and Franklin counties. Excessive cost so looking into support at the state level.
- District 4 dealing with election levy that passed, where the Assessor did not receive their certification. Usually this is not something the district provide but the Elections sector provides to the Assessors. D4 is now dealing with their EMS levy for this tax year. We, however, were contacted by the Assessor's office, for some reason, and they requested our certification that we just receive long with our actual ballot images. District Secretary just by chance had images from a request from someone in the public. All districts are in communication as to what has happened to D4 and our district and are watching to see what the County has done to this process.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – Scholarship is up and out. Commissioners to donate approximately \$100 each for it.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – Website: plans to go live on Wednesday.
- PIO / Safety (Jack Derderian) – *None*.
- Conferences:
  - Leadership Conference – March 1-3, 2023, Columbia Riverfront, Portland, OR
    - Attendees: Commissioners Orth, Commissioner Rouse

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Review Resolution 2023-01, Emergency Medical Services Charges and Ambulance Fee Schedule for 2023

***Commissioner Howell moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01 for Emergency Medical Services Charges and Ambulance Fee Schedule for 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** *None.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.***

Attested:

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CAREN I. WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

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BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

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LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

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LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER