



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

January 8, 2024

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**CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER**

**Commissioner Howell** called the meeting to order **4:00 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

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

**GUESTS:**

Steve McGhan  
Jack Derderian  
John Derderian  
Bill Reed  
Maria Blair  
Grady O'Neil  
Jeannie Howell  
Emmanuel Fernandez  
Diana Salas  
Nicole Strasser  
Joe Rivera  
Ella Ride-a-long

**ABSENT:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OATH OF OFFICE - Position 1 - Commissioner Barry Orth**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 01-08-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 12-18-2023.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated January 8, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated December 18, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 01-15-2024, Holiday – Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
- **01-18-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, STA 210,**
- **02-05-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- 02-19-2024, Holiday – President's Day – Office Closed

**VOUCHERS:**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> Month 2023** – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$18,191.91.

**January 2024** –  
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$19,290.36.

**Grand Total of \$31,482.27**

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 31,482.27. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CITY OF BENTON CITY:** None.



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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Tri-County Firefighters Local 4965

FINANCIALS: Financials up through November 2023.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*

- LODD at WWFD Sunday. FF Ryan Pleasant passed while on duty. He was a 20-year veteran of the Department. Memorial services TBA.
- Sending Low boy to shop to be refurbished this week. Tractor to be in shop and upfitted soon. Plan to have transport ready for dozer training.
- E1213 is being returned from Connell FD. Will be looked over and returned to service as reserve engine. Chief Woffenden and the agency express their thanks.
- The new RMS system is up and going. Thanks to Captain Hawley for working on the implementation and training to support personnel.
- New Phone system is up and going. Worked much better than the old system.
- Working through the Audit. All initial items requested we sent off last week.
- Total Calls for 2023 **1303**, Fire **551**, EMS **752**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *Chief's report*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *Chief's report*.
- PIO (John Derderian /Lt. Jack Derderian) – *None*.
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None*.
- Conferences:
  - Northwest Leadership Seminar – March 6-8, 2024, Portland, OR
    - Possible officer to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*.

STATE AUDIT 2020-2021-2022:

- Engagement letter

PERSONNEL:

- Oath of Office - Position 1 - Commissioner Barry Orth before meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None*.



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:36 PM.***

Attested on: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAREN 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