



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

December 11, 2023

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **6:00 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:

Kale Guerin  
John Derderian  
Jacob Hamilton  
Nicole Strasse  
Emmanuel Fernandez  
Scott Hawley  
Braden Mooney  
Wyatt Flagg

ABSENT: *None.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- *Sign Collective Bargaining Agreement und Union.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 11-13-2023.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 11-06-2023.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated December 11, 2023, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated November 13, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12-16-23, Christmas Party, 4:00 PM, STA 210
- **12-18-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 12-25-23, Holiday – Christmas – Office Closed
- 12-26-23, Holiday – Christmas Eve Observed – Office Closed
- 01-01-2024, Holiday – New Year's Day – Office Closed
- **01-08-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, [REDACTED] STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 58,083.88,

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$58,083.88. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: Financials up through October 2023.

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

- Fire Academy is completed.
- One of our medics was involved in a vehicle accident. It is now back in service, and we are working with our insurance to complete the claims.
- New phones are getting installed.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *Chief’s Report.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *Chief’s Report.*
- PIO / Safety (John Derderian) – Safety position is being transferred to Captain Mike Meyer.
- Conferences:
  - Northwest Leadership Seminar – March 6-8, 2024, Portland, OR

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt Resolution 2023-07, Cancelled of Unclaimed Warrants.

***Commissioner Howell moved to adopt Resolution 2023-07 Cancelled of Unclaimed Warrants. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

- Adopt Resolution 2023-08, Set Dates for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of Benton County fire protection District No. 2.

***Commissioner Howell moved to adopt Resolution 2023-08 Set Dates for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of Benton County fire protection District No. 2. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

UNION:

- Signing of 2024-2026 Collective Bargaining agreement between Benton County Fire Protection District #2 and LOCAL 4965: Tri-County Professional Firefighters International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO

PERSONNEL:

- Introduction of new Volunteer Jacob Hamilton,

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 6:18 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