

Pace Fire Rescue District
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Commissioners Page and Gradia absent. A Quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence

4. Public Form

- a. Acknowledged

5. Minutes from the previous meeting

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Commissioner Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Bob Jankowski.
- b. Motion approved.

6. Financial Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Commissioner Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Bob Jankowski.
- b. Motion approved.

7. Chief's Report (Written report attached)

- a. Motion to approve 1st made by Commissioner Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Bob Jankowski.
- b. Motion approved.

8. Impact Fees Update

- a. The county had to have their vendor correct their online permit system to acknowledge Impact Fee must be paid before a permit is issued. The Pace area construction has not slowed down.
- b. Commissioner Jankowski asked if we were sure the problem had been corrected. Chief Whitfield assured him it had been, and we were monitoring the situation.

9. Hurricane Ian Deployment

- a. We had a team deploy for Hurricane Ian. The reimbursement paperwork has been sent to the state for repayment. While speaking to the state Chief Whitfield stated he mentioned to them that we hadn't been reimbursed for Hurricane Ida. Chief Whitfield resubmitted the paperwork for DEM to work on getting us the money owed.

10. Firehouse Subs Grant

- a. This grant will be around \$27,000. Once we receive the grant money it will be used to purchase PPE (bunk gear).
- b. Commissioner Mills asked if the money would go towards bunk gear, or what was the plan. Chief Whitfield said, “the plan right now is to get new gear for everyone and start on a 2nd set.” As of today, we haven’t heard anything on the grant.
- c. Commissioner Jankowski asked, “If we service the gear ourselves?” Chief Whitfield stated we wash all the gear ourselves unless there is a defect, and then we send it off to get repaired.

11. Station 4

- a. As of right now, the bid is 1.5 million to build the new building. The architect, engineers, civil engineer is around \$145,691 for the drawings.
- b. Commissioner Jankowski asked to be brought up to date with the plans. Chief Whitfield explained there would be the existing “Bay” and a new building with a breezeway between the buildings. It would be just like Station 3 in Pea Ridge.
- c. Commissioner Mills asked, “If that was the one bid we received?” And if so, could we reopen the bidding. Chief Whitfield said, “yes, and we could reopen it for more bids”. We are using the same architect and engineers but not the same builder. Commissioner Jankowski asked if we had policies and procedures on the bidding process. Chief Whitfield said, “We have them and so do the state”. If we do reopen, we will need to advertise it which takes 30 days. The main purpose tonight is we need to get a motion approved or denied.
- d. Commissioner Jankowski asked, “How would it be funded”? Chief Whitfield said. “he was working on a couple of things as to whether or not to pay off the Engine early, use Impact Fees, borrow for the reserves and pay it back.”
- e. Commissioner Mills said, “He would like to postpone the motion until next week, in order to review it a little more.”
- f. Motion to postpone the decision until next month was made 1st by Commissioner Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Jankowski.

12. Tax Collector Unspent Revenue

- a. Each year the county sends up the unspent tax revenue.

13. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn 1st made by Commissioner Mills and 2nd by Commissioner Jankowski.
- b. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 19th day of December 2022.



Dean Anderson, Chairman