



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting January 19, 2026



CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm

John Brandt called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

Judge Mahoney had a few comments and introduced Mr. David Chreene of Pafford Medical Services. David talked about their services and how they work with the local fire departments. There were a few questions from firefighters that David answered. Jerry Vaughn then introduced Mr. Jim Keary who is running for Tax Collector. Jim said a few words and answered a couple of questions.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: QUORUM PRESENT

John Brandt
Joe Turner
Lee Coatney
Kenny Kizer
Jack Fields (by telephone)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Election of Officers:

John made a motion to nominating Jack Fields as Chairperson for 2026. Joe said he thinks we should table the election of officers until next month when Jack can be in attendance.

Motion: Jack moved that we table the election of officers until our February meeting

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 19th regular board meeting and the January 20th emergency board meeting held on December 19, & 20, 2025, were presented by John. The January 2025 minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the P&L, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flow reports for the month of January 2025.

The January 2025 Financial reports were accepted as presented by consensus.

Training:

Harry said that he had no training report from Jake for this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Harry reported there were a total of 63 incidents during the month of November: 7 fires, 47 rescue & emergency medical service calls, 3 Agency Assist – Pafford, 1 service calls, 2 good intent, and 3 false alarms. Harry reported that for the year 2025 we had 815 calls. 83 fires, 630 rescue & emergency medical service calls, 11 hazardous conditions, 27 service calls, 4 good intent, 27 false alarms, 33 Agency Assist – LifeNet/Pafford. Harry said he is still getting good responses to calls.

Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported that he has posted the normal activity about our board meeting and road closures due to accidents, new equipment and training. He is now posting fire department information on several different Fountain Lake Facebook pages.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - Harry said he talked to Shane Smith with Banner to find out about the front end parts so he can get them ordered. Harry said he still does not know what the cost might be.

- John said that he needs to get two appraisals or at least someone who can say at what amount this apparatus might be valued.
- Engine 2
 - Doing good now. All service has been completed.
- Tanker 1
 - Still has some trouble with the fuel filters. He had to change them again and reset the computers.
- Tanker 2
 - Harry said he worked tirelessly to have it getting fuel again.
- Rescue 1
 - Perfect truck. He has completed service on this truck..
- Rescue 2
 - The belt needs to be replaced again as of this afternoon. .
- Brush 2 (Forestry)
 - The fuel pump blew out on it and got gas into the crackcase and blew the valve cover off.
- Station 1
 - Driveway Apron (John)
 - Tabled
 - Awnings. (John)
 - Tabled
- Station 2
 - Tabled.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Agreed Upon Procedures – John**
 - John reported that shortly after our last board meeting he received the report from the accounting firm. .They reported that the performed all procedures were looked at with no findings reported. They are now

looking at 2024 and depending on what their workload is with the upcoming tax season will depend on when it will be completed.

- **Grants – John**

- John reported that we are not waiting to hear on any grants. He received an email from Lexipol about grants for which we might want to put in and whether there is anything we might want to consider for an AFG grant. They also sent a list of various other grants we might consider applying for this year.

- **SCBA Financing (John)**

- John said that all we were waiting on was out attorney's opinion letter which came in today. He forwarded that on to the lease/purchase company and that should complete the documentation they need for funding.

- **Drug Testing Program (John)**

- John said that this is on the back burner while he is waiting for information from our attorney. There were questions about whether we can drug test at all. John explained that we can drug test for cause such as because of an accident. What we cannot do yet is implement a random drug testing policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2026 Proposed Budget (John)**

- John said that he attempted to get the budget committee in place and meeting in November to present the budget to the board in December, but we had trouble getting people to meet before the end of the year. John thanked Trecia Willis, Mary Jean Daniel, and Karl Lowry for their participation on the budget committee. Joe asked who participated and John said that Mary Jean, Trecia, Karl, John, and Harry made up the committee. Joe asked if anyone else was here while the committee was meeting. John said that Lyn, Josh, and Jessica were here while the committee was meeting. Mary said that her husband John was also here for their second meeting. John reported that Harry talked to the committee about the need for new tires on three vehicles. An amount was put into the budget to take care of funding for the tires. Harry said he had three estimates for tires on Rescue #2, Engine #2, and Brush #2. The tires on all of these vehicles are expired. As a result money was put into the budget to pay for these tires. Joe asked if we had more than one quote. Harry said he had one quote from Southern Tire for each truck.

Harry said the quote for tires on Engine #2 was \$2,458 for all six tires. The quote for Rescue #2 was \$3,375.44. The quote for Brush #2 was \$1,193.44. John pointed out where in the proposed budget they can find the line item for the tires and the amount is \$16,000. John also pointed out that we put \$50,000 in the budget for the driveway apron and finishing up the work on Station #1 where the a/c and generator used to be. He then pointed out that \$25,000 was put into the budget for ground work at Station #3. This amount was put carried over from last year. We put some funds into the budget for work Harry was already done on Tanker #2 and Rescue #2. Kenny asked if the by-laws allow for anyone other than the Chief and the people serving on the budget committee can be present. Mary Jean stated that the people there only responded to questions we on the committee asked of them. Joes pointed out that Page 7 of the by-laws. It is the responsibility of the Treasure, Chief, and budget committee members to prepare the proposed budget. Kenny pointed out that if it is not a closed meeting we should have announced to the public that we were having a meeting. John said that the only people he communicated with about the dates and times of the meetings were John reported that the net income for the 2026 year is \$50,916.

Motion: Kenny moved that we table the discussion of the proposed budget until next month's board meeting because of infractions that may have occurred in the forming of this budget.

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Bank Account Signatories (John)**

- John reported that as of now Kenny, Lee, John, and Joe were signatories on the bank accounts. We need to remove Rachel from our accounts

Motion: John moved that Rachel Peters be removed as a signatory on our BankOZK and Chambers bank accounts and John Brandt, Joe Turner, Kenny Kizer, Lee Coatnet, and Jack Fields be named as signatories on both the BankOZK and Chambers bank accounts.

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- John then stated that the question has come up as to whether we need a separate card for Harry. The bank told John it is possible to do it. Joe said that if it is the Chief and Assistant Chief to use it. Joe asked how it worked now. John said that if they need to use the card, they tell him what they need and John approves them using the card. Lyn said the problem

arises when John is out of town and has the card with him and they need to get something. John stated that happened one time and he meant to leave the card and forgot. Lyn said if they need something they need to have a way to pay for it. He asked if they are supposed to call one of the other board members at three in the morning when a truck breaks down. Kenny asked where they would go to purchase parts at three in the morning. Lyn then stated they might have to get a tow truck. Kenny said they will bill the fire department.

Motion: Joe moved that we leave the debit card as it currently is.

Second: Kenny Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Firefighter's meal (John)**
 - The firefighters attending the meeting said they wanted Chili from Wendy's.

John announced that the board is now going to break and go into Executive Session. He asked everyone to please clear the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- John announced that we are now back in open session.
 - Joe mentioned to everyone that we had asked for Lyn's resignation. If anyone is going to walk out on this department, they will have 48 hours in which to turn in their gear. They cannot just come leave their gear and issued equipment. They must meet with someone to check everything in that they were assigned. He also said we asked Harry to resign as chief. Brady asked why we are doing this. Joe told Brady that we checked his file for disciplinary actions. Joe then asked Brady if he knew how many times he had been written up. Brady said he did not know how many. Joe told him that we only found one write up in his file. We had asked Lyn to resign from the fire department and he refused. There was supposed to be a file in which Jason Curtis had terminated Lyn from this fire department, but we cannot find Lyn's file. Lyn asked if we looked upstairs. We have not been able to find a file anywhere. Joe said that Jason Curtis told the board at our last board meeting that he had fired Lyn Price and he was banned for life from coming back on the department. Lyn asked if we have that in writing. Joe said that we cannot find that file. Lyn called Jason Curtis at this time. Jason confirmed that he was banned for life when Lyn called him.

Motion: Kenny moved that we vote to remove Lyn Price from the fire department.

Second: Jack Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Comments/Questions**

- There were several comments about us moving forward together and addressing concerns about who is in charge since we have no chief or assistant chief. Joe stated that if the firefighters have any questions they can call a board member. Josh raised the question about a \$10,989 withdrawal that was made by John Brandt only on his signature. After some discussion, John told Josh that was to get a cashier's check for the closing on the land purchase. John said he will find the documentation to show Josh.

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8:30 pm

Motion to adjourn: Lee moved that we adjourn

Second: Jack Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer