

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

**Present** Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Brent Parkins, Debbie Parod, John Patterson  
**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger **Battalion Chief** Travis Hansen **Admin Assistant** Lisa Westervelt  
**Visitors** Colton Cowger, Travis Goddard, Mat Keating

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**Presentations or Communications**

**APPROVE MINUTES** Minutes for the meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented.

**TREASURER REPORT** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. Income of \$642,318.72 which includes ambulance revenues, contract fire reimbursements, and a transfer of \$150,000 from the Ambulance District. Expenses of \$241,178.77. Expenses include 3 payrolls and construction project for the maintenance building. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay the bills in the amount of \$241,178.77. Debbie seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

**CHIEF REPORT** See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park City Fire and Ambulance/Columbus potential merger update** – Park City would like to have a joint work session with the two boards. **John moved to schedule two joint work sessions with both boards, with a deadline of March 2<sup>nd</sup> to decide if they want to move forward with a merger. An affirmative vote at that time would officially start the process as outlined by State statues. Proposed dates for the work sessions would be: January 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by February 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, with a final meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for a vote from both boards. Brent seconded the motion, voted all in favor, motion carried.**

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL** None at this time. There are some interviews scheduled for tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Maintenance building update:  
Mechanic/Maintenance Position Update:  
Project Priority List:  
Property Casualty Liability Insurance policy, upping coverage cost, deductible

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Brush Truck Build**

**Seasonal Employees:** Rich would like the board to consider adding 2 full time-seasonal positions that would primarily cover contract fire assignments. Wages, for the most part,