



# Leavenworth County Fire District #1

111 East Kansas Street, Lansing, KS 66043

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Minutes  
August 24, 2021

## Call to Order:

Attendance: Board Members Rob Gaslin, Andi Pawlowski, Dave Nester, Dan Butler, and Greg Fontenot.

Approval of Consent Calendar: Consent Calendar included minutes of 07/20/21 Regular Meeting, 08/03/2021 Special Meeting, and 08/17/2021 Special Meeting. A motion made by Greg Fontenot, and second by Andi Pawlowski to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

## New Business:

The Board moved into new business and asked for comments from the audience. Chairman Gaslin recognized Mayor McNeill in the audience and asked for any comments. Mayor McNeill advised that he had none at that time.

## Reports:

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer David Nester provided the treasurers report. Dave indicated that we are below budget on both payroll and non-payroll. Dave advised that there was one more CD for an approximate amount of \$36,000 plus interest that will mature in early 2022.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Stackhouse provided a performance report for the month of August. Chairman Gaslin had discussion about K-5 and asked if there was any possibility of reporting the safety issues with K-5. Chief Stackhouse pointed out that KDOT would be the agency responsible for safety issues and changes to K-5. Chairman Gaslin asked if we can influence action of known safety issues with KDOT. Andi Pawlowski stated that the county could have influence on KDOT as well. Mayor McNeill discussed that the actions of KDOT are influenced by the number of accidents. Chairman Gaslin advised that there would be future discussion on the issue.

Members looked over the performance report and Greg Fontenot questioned the "Good Intent" category. There was discussion about the input into that category and others.

Chief Stackhouse acknowledged Kirk Mackey who was present as the newly hired full time Probationary Firefighter/EMT. Jacob Stockton was mentioned as the newly hired part time Firefighter/EMT. Chief Stackhouse stated that there have been no other responses to the Part Time ads. Shift Captains have been moved around on shifts.

Chief Stackhouse explained that fire inspections have been halted temporarily to make sure people are performing them correctly and entering them into the database correctly.

## Items for Discussion:

Chairman Gaslin discussed the change in law which requires a public hearing discussing the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. He also explained the requirements pertaining to the board regarding the new law.

Chairman Gaslin opened the public hearing to discuss the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Chairman Gaslin read aloud Resolution 2021-03, and then asked for public comment. Mayor McNeill asked what the \$400,000 money would be used for. Chairman Gaslin explained that a large majority of the money is to build a fire protection fund to reduce the debt service. Greg Fontenot discussed the issues facing most departments to replace equipment. He further explained that we have aging equipment that will need addressed soon. The discussion ended.

Chairman Gaslin closed discussion and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 20201-03. Greg Fontenot made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03 to exceed revenue neutral rate. Dan Butler

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second the motion and Chairman Gaslin asked Chief Stackhouse to perform a roll call vote. The motion passed 5-0. The 2021-03 resolution was passed around for appropriate board signatures.

Chairman Gaslin opened the 2022 Budget Proposal hearing. Chief Stackhouse gave an overview of the 2022 budget proposal.

Chairman Gaslin asked for public comment.

Mayor McNeill brought up that it will be much more difficult to exceed the revenue neutral rate next year when all the mailings go out. There was discussion about the issue. Chairman Gaslin asked for any other public comment and there was none.

Chairman Gaslin closed public discussion and asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 budget proposal. Andi Pawlowski made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget proposal and Dave Nester second the motion. Chairman Gaslin discussed some unease about personnel policy and pay increases. Chairman Gaslin expressed the need to complete by the end of the year personnel policies, employee manual, SOPs, and concerns with raises and how they are implemented.

The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Gaslin reminded Chief Stackhouse that just because money was approved for personnel doesn't mean that hiring has been authorized.

**Trustee Concerns:**

Greg Fontenot discussed the inflation rate and its relationship to raises with the district.

Chairman Gaslin discussed the Audit and Annual Asset Inventory. Copies of the audit were provided to all the board members.

Chairman Gaslin asked for a motion to adjourn. Andi Pawlowski made a motion to adjourn and Dan Butler Second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Rob Gaslin, Chairman

Attest:

Michael Stackhouse, Fire Chief