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Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
June 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Called To Order:
Chairman Danny Hall called the meeting to order on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call:
Danny Hall, Leo Casanave, Raymond Batiste, Mike Ricks, and Adam Jacks were present.

Chief Geissler and Assistant Chief May were present representing the Fire Department.

Chad Danenhower and Mark Waniewski were present with PMI.

Mr. Hall stated that he would like to amend the agenda and add the item, "Board to consider financial assistance". Mr. Ricks Made a motion to amend the agenda. Mr. Casanave seconded. No further discussion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Secretary Minutes:
Approve minutes of May 13, 2026 regular public meeting, May 21, 2026 special meeting, May 27, 2026 special meeting, and May 29, 2026 special meeting.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to approve the above public meeting minutes. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition:
Chief Geissler would like to recognize the following employees.

Anniversaries:
- Lance Lopez – 7 years
- Darnell Robinson – 1 year
- Justin Stiehl – 8 years
- Brent Thompson – 1 year

Chief Geissler wanted to recognize Daniel Fortun who was part time here for a year and 8 months as well as his full time in Abita. Unfortunately, he passed away last week. He stated that it has been a rough week for the department and everyone is keeping his family in our prayers and they will celebrate him this Saturday.

New Hires:
- 1 Full time/ 6 Part time
3 Part Operator/Medics, 2 part time Operator /EMT's, 1 EMT

Chief Geissler stated that Jayden Witsell will be graduating from the Recruit Academy in Pearl River Friday at 6:00.

Chief Geissler stated that Jaycen Legendre on his confirmation. Jaycen was presented with his badge and pinned by his wife. Chief Geissler stated that he is starting a tradition that when they get confirmed, they get upgraded to a nice helmet. Firefighter Legendre was presented with a new helmet.

Treasurer Report:
Mr. Batiste stated that the operating account opened with $634,179.48 and closed with $594,785.85 and there was $1456.10 in interest made.
The Money Market account opened with $1,021,746.37 and closed with $1,024,096.33 and there was $2349.96 interest made.
Mr. Casanave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:
Chief Geissler stated that May total call volume was 146, 135 of those were Med unit responses. 847 Year to date calls. The ALS unit had a 99.46% coverage for both med units. There was a 99.32% coverage for the Fire District. Mutual aid received from Fire District 4 for a structure fire last Saturday. Our guys did a great job Saturday, no injuries. Acadian was requested after that fire for a medical call where our guys were getting cleaned up. We gave 6 mutual aid calls, 4 calls to District 7 which were fire related, 1 to District 7 for medical, and 1 to District 1 for medical. We are covering District 7's area due to the bridge construction. The district has also taken on a small portion of District 4's area to the west while they do the remodel on the station close to us.

Chief May stated that the training FETA topic was transitional fire techs. The drill was postponed this month due to the weather.

There were three that started the EMT class at Goodbee that will run through August.
Next week, C. Albrektson will attend Wildfire Instructor training, and D. Moreau will attend Incident Safety Officer training.

The Department participated in the VFW's Farmer's Market. They had a tent set up with fire prevention material. Marshall was also in attendance.

Mr. Hall asked about the status of the study being done on the comparison of other fire departments. Chief May stated that he researched and that it was supposed to go to a college student to take on that project. He stated that after reaching out to employees, J. Hendrickson volunteered to lead the committee and continue this project.

Chief Geissler stated that he also wanted to brag on Jaime, she has taken on some of the public education stuff as far as EMS, CPR classes, the initiatives that he would like to put in place as far as public outreach. She has taken that and has trained some employees as CPR trainers. The equipment is available for the training, and he appreciates her for taking on that initiative.

Hearts on Fire:
Mrs. Jacks stated that they are getting community events scheduled for August. They will be participating in the Back to School Bash.

Old Business:
1) Strategic Planning.
Mr. Hall stated that the hot topic is the capital projects, specifically securing the Bond of $1,305,000.00. The ability to secure these funds only expires when the current millage expires.
Chief Geissler stated that the apparatus committee met a couple of times in the last several weeks. They have met with a couple companies regarding apparatus. Today they met to discuss and come up with a company they were willing and excited to work with. They have decided to work with US Fire Pumps, who are outside of Holden. After meeting with their sales representative, they would like to continue business with them and are scheduling meetings as soon as next week to go to their facility and to start looking at specs as far as the apparatus we would like to see. Their turnaround is about 6 months where other companies are 14 -16 months plus.

2) 2026-017: BOC Resolution (Approve Fire Chief Evaluation as Amended) – Record keeping.
Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-017. Mr. Casanave seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

3) 2026-018: BOC Resolution (Approve Bond Indebtedness) – Record keeping.
Mr. Hall stated that this has been read into record at a special meeting and has been enacted. No further action needed.

New Business:
1) 2026-021: BOC Resolution (Adopt 2025 LLA Audit)
Mr. Hall read the following into record.

Resolution of Board of Commissioners relating to the Adoption of the 2025 LLA Audit for District No. 3. Whereas, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to implement a program and procedure to adopt the 2025 Louisiana Legislative Auditor ("LLA") audit by Ericksen Krentel & LaPorte, LLP Certified Public Accountants and Consultants for District No. 3. He stated that there were no deficiencies found.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to accept Resolution 2026-021. Mr. Jacks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

2) 2026-022: BOC Resolution (Adopt 2025 Statewide LLA-AUP Audit).
Resolution of Board of Commissioners relating to the Adoption of the 2025 Statewide LLA-AUP Audit for District No. 3.

Whereas, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District, its employees, citizens and taxpayers to implement a program and procedure to adopt the 2025 Louisiana Legislative Auditor "LLA") Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures ("AUP") audit by Ericksen Krentel & LaPorte, LLP Certified Public Accountants and Consultants for District No. 3. No discrepancies. Mr. Batiste made a motion to accept. Mr. Casanave seconded. No further discussion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

3) Fire Chief Evaluation (2025 Annual Review).
Mr. Hall stated it would be better to align the Chief's evaluations to this year and do an evaluation at the end of the year. He recommends doing an evaluation on him now and call it an interim at 6 months into it and schedule the evaluation to be completed at the end of the year and present the findings at the February meeting. He would also like to suggest that the Vice Chair be responsible for coordinating and presenting the Chief's evaluation.

4) Act 514 Discussion.
Mr. Waniewski stated that the Louisiana Legislature passed Act 514 which is an exemption of the homestead limits for senior freezes. Mr. Waniewski discussed Act 514 and how it will affect the District.

Mr. Hall stated that the new agenda item added as follows:
5) Request for financial assistance.
Mr. Hall gave the Board members a financial assistance form that was received. The Board members discussed this request and feels that there is not enough information to make a decision. The monthly income was provided but hardship was not given. The form that is used was discussed and agreed that more information should be requested. Mr. Jacks made a motion to reject the application. Mr. Batiste seconded. No further discussion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall asked for volunteers to make a new letter and procedure for future applications. Mr. Ricks and Mr. Jacks volunteered to be on the committee to make a new letter and procedures and will have something by next meeting.

Mr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batiste seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.