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Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
September 9, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Called To Order:
Chairman Danny Hall called the meeting to order on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Mr. Hall read the rules of conduct.

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.

Secretary Minutes:
Approve the minutes of August 12, 2026
Mr. Casanave made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026, meeting. Mr. Ricks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

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

Anniversaries:
P. Pereira – 3 years
D. Torregano – 5 years
B. Spiers – 1 year

New Hires:
J. Pyke hired full time
M. White hired part time

Treasurer Report:
Mr. Batiste stated that the operating account opened with $733,659.63 and ended with $531,680.02 with $2209.78 interest earned.
The Money Market account opened with $41,537.53 and ended with $606,970.80 with $433.27 interest earned.

The Sinking Fund account opened with $1534.65 and ended with $1538.20 with $3.55 interest earned. The Bond account has $5271.34 and the certificate of deposit/Treasury bills total $2,051,296.04. Total checking and savings $3,179,488.39.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Jacks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:
Chief Geissler stated that there were 173 calls for August and of those 143 were medical responses with 86 billed. Year to date is 1330 calls. Last month the department was able to handle 100% with both med units up and handled 98.8% of calls covered. One mutual aid received from Acadian for a medical and one from FD4 for an MVA.
We gave mutual aid to District 4 on 5 medicals and District 7 on 2 medicals. We continue to give mutual aid to District 4 due to their station remodel on 190. He received word that the bridge on 36 is completed and open, so they have discontinued the temporary mutual aid agreement with District 7.

Chief Geissler stated that they did the walk-through last week with US Fire Pumps and signed off on everything. They picked up the radios to make sure the correct brackets are installed; the graphics will be discussed in mid-October. They are expecting delivery in mid-December.

Chief May stated that the FETA training was postponed due to weather. Two of the three crews were able to attend drill tower training at District 1 and District 11. District 1 hosted a Drone class that Chief Geissler and three other employees attended.
There were no events this month for the department to attend.

Hearts on Fire:
Mrs. Jacks stated that Hearts on Fire will attend the 2nd annual spread the cure at Pop's restaurant on October 3, 2026, from 12:00 to 5:00.

Chief Geissler stated that the department will have a presence there and will assist in whatever is needed. The smoke trailer and the bounce house will also be there. There are other events that day that the department will also be attending.

Old Business:
All old business was record keeping only. All resolutions were approved at last month's meeting and signed this meeting. No other action was needed.

New Business:
1) Ochsner update. Mr. Hall stated that at last month's meeting it was discussed about the loss of $128,000.00 from the hospital because it was bought by Ochsner. Chief Geissler, Chief May, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Impastato met with an Ochsner representative. Options were discussed and a possible second meeting. No action needed.

2) 2026-036: BOC Resolution (Approve Defunding of District Fire Chief Classification).
Mr. Hall stated the next few years will present some financial challenges to this department. Chief Geissler has determined that it is in the best interest of the department to defund the position of District Chief and reassign those duties. The worth of that position is around $120-$125,000.00 total compensation. The defunding will be for the remaining of 2026 and 2027. In 2028 it may come back

up and the board will see if it will be financially able. Mr. Batiste made a motion to defund the District Chief Classification. Mr. Ricks seconded. Chief Geissler stated that this makes sense with the unknown as far as the taxes coming up in the next year. He stated that money could certainly be allocated to other employees, apparatus or other areas it may be needed. No further discussion. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

3) 2027 & 2028 Budget forecast. Mr. Hall stated that this was on the agenda by Mr. Waniewski and since he was not in attendance, this will be tabled.

4) Fire Chief Evaluation (01/01 – 06/30/2026 Mid-year Review) – Executive session.
Mr. Ricks made a motion to go into an executive session. Mr. Jacks seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The Board, Chief Geissler, and Mrs. McCarthy remained. Entered executive session at 5:27pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:13, no action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batiste seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.