

**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**APRIL 5, 2011**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 5:03 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Jack Clark  
Jerry Strange  
Jack Miller  
Steve Wolfe

Chief Jonathon Yuodis  
Assistant Chief Rick Harrison  
Counselor Robert Benson  
Recording Secretary Myra Curry  
Bookkeeper Jeannie Saylor

A motion was made by Jack Miller, seconded by Steve Wolfe to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. Jack Miller made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark welcomed two visitors, Sergeant Bryan Buckley and Firefighter James Riggs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Clark thanked the Banquet Committee for the banquet.

Chairman Clark announced the Jefferson County Trustees Association Meeting is April 21, 2011 at Worthington Fire District Headquarters at 7:00 P.M.

Steve Wolfe reported the banquet Committee was \$1,500 under budget.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**Personnel Committee**

Assistant Chief Harrison reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting on March 29, 2011. On #4 the position of Sergeant the committee recommends Chad Sharber be promoted to Sergeant. Discussion followed. Steve Wolfe asked why only 3 individuals were interviewed instead of all 5 candidates; this is not consistent all of the individuals who applied for captain were interviewed. Rick stated they interviewed the top 3 who passed the test. He stated that when the posting for the Captain's position it was the intent to interview the top 3 but that was omitted

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from the posting. Steve stated he has a problem that some of the paid staff did not get an interview and this needs to be consistent. Chairman Clark stated from now on that will be what happens. Jerry Strange made a motion to approve and promote Chad Sharber as sergeant, seconded by Jack Miller. Motion carried.

Assistant Chief Harrison stated on #6 & 7 the Committee recommended a COLA increase and insurance will be unchanged. Chairman Clark stated the insurance will stay the same as last year.

Steve Wolfe asked about Columbia University credit hours not being transferable to many in-state schools. We have 2 people at \$3,500.00 each that were approved for this year's budget and how this will affect them. Assistant Chief Harrison stated everyone made the deadline and he is in contact with another college that offers degree programs at \$25.00 per credit hour more than CSU, Waldorf is accredited and we are waiting to hear from the fire academy to see if they will accept the Waldorf degrees.

Steve Wolfe made a motion that \$7,000 be approved for tuition reimbursement, however, those members that met the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for application would still be considered for tuition reimbursement during the FY, if money is available, seconded by Jack Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark stated the employees will get a 3% COLA &, longevity, CERS, health benefits, \$25.00 for Board Members, \$6,000.00 for Benson's salary and \$10,000.00 for a consultant. Jerry Strange made a motion that the recommendation of the Personnel Committee be approved for the coming fiscal year as amended, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark reported on #5 the Chief has some health issues and is restricted to administrative duties only by the fire departments doctor. The Personnel Committee will review this issue in 30 days. They are waiting for 2 doctors to send information to the fire department doctor.

Technology

Assistant Chief Harrison reported he has received 3 quotes from companies to update our server operating system to Windows Server 2008 and PC's to Windows 7. He is asking to go ahead and purchase these for a grand total of \$3,862.40; the price will increase after July 1, 2011 by an estimated 15-20%. MetroSafe is upgrading their system and recommended to remain compatible to MetroSafe's data and applications we use to receive dispatch and run information. Discussion followed. Jack Miller made a motion to upgrade the computers and server for \$3,862.40, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

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Assistant Chief Harrison also stated we have been given 14 desktop computers and 2 Toughbooks from L.G.&E. with an estimated value of \$20,000.00 and he has sent a thank you letter. One of the Toughbooks and all the desktops have been deployed to replace the many various PC's in use currently.

Building and Grounds Committee/Major Equipment Committee

Chief Yuodis reported the valves for the showers in the downstairs bathroom are going bad and it may be cheaper to replace the valves than to try and repair them, the cost estimate is \$898.00.

Budget

Steve Wolfe stated the committee will have the final numbers to everyone, by email, before the next meeting.

Steering Committee

Chairman Clark stated he received an email from Marty Fautz and he has resigned. Jerry Strange has the paper work filled out on Maria Bowles and she is going to run for the position. The first reading has taken place and after the second reading the Mayor will sign her papers.

LOSAP

No report.

Strategic Management Planning

No report

Nominating Committee

Chairman Clark asked for the paper work to be sent in for Henry Ott as appointed trustee.

Training Academy

Chief Yuodis stated the academy is in pursuit of new member to join. L.G.&E. uses the training academy and they have decided to become members and will pay the annual membership. Also a building permit has been acquired to add on to the all purpose building. It will be 4,800 square feet and will cost \$125,000 and will be used for officer's room, class room and a small classroom. The money is a grant from the Fire Commission.

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MetroSafe & CAD System

No report.

EMS

No report.

Ordinance

Assistant Chief Harrison stated there was a recent change in the State law on fireworks, and the Fire Chief's have assigned the Inspector's Assoc. to jointly develop a local ordinance to restrict what types of fireworks are to permitted for sale in Jefferson County. It will restrict items to what the previous State law permitted, and we are looking at restricting sales of fireworks under tents.

Cadets

Steve Wolfe stated we have increased our members by one, Brandon Burch; he joined about 3 weeks ago. We have one that is on academic suspension.

Grants

Assistant Chief Harrison stated we still have not been rejected. Chief Yuodis stated he received the neighborhood grant and received 1 monitor for us and 1 for McMahan.

Health Insurance Board

Chief Yuodis stated we received \$4,800 in the refund from the insurance, there is still a balance but there is a lawsuit pending on this amount.

Legislative Report

No report.

Jessica Halladay - Courier-Journal article.

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief's Monthly Report.

The Chiefs report was distributed. Jerry Strange had to leave early so this will be voted on at next month's meeting.

Chief Yuodis stated he has a request from a past member, Gary Yurt, to teach an OSHA Class here, there will be no cost to the Buechel firefighters that want to attend and they can get certification. It is a 10 hour class for fire service, he had a discussion with Assistant Chief Harrison and they are going to charge \$129.00 for the class. We have never had anyone charge for this before and he is asking the Board's permission before telling him that he can use the classroom. The Board has no problem with this.

Jack Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 P.M., seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary  
Buechel Fire Protection District

**NEXT MEETING MAY 3, 2011 AT 5:00 PM**