



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020
2:00 p.m.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pearsall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Pearsall led the group in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Pearsall, Hutchins, and Peoples; Chief Wood and Office Manager Mesa-Walton

OTHERS PRESENT

No others present

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Levy Planning

-Chief Wood presented a draft resolution for the prospective 2020 Levy. The new levy would propose raising the current tax rate from \$1.14 to \$1.50. Griffin Fire Department has not asked for a levy in 14 years. It was discussed that any factual information about the levy could be provided via the organization website, the quarterly community newsletter, and the firefighter association. The final draft is due by May 8th in order to make it to the August 4th election.

-A discussion by commissioner Hutchins was brought up regarding whether to ask for an excess levy instead of the one proposed by Chief Wood. No decisions were made. Chief Wood would provide three resolution drafts to the commissioners for the March 9th regular Commissioners Meeting. One would include his proposal of raising the tax rate to \$1.50, and two multi-year excess levees raising the tax rate to \$1.60 and \$1.70 respectively.

2. Succession Planning

-Chief Wood announced that Assistant Chief Schaffran had turned in his resignation, and his last day with the Griffin Fire Department would be May 1st, 2020. Chief Wood brought up the discussion of succession planning as he himself would be retiring towards the end of this year; his last day would be November 9th, 2020.

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-It was discussed that the department could start the recruitment process for the Chief's position after May 1st. The consensus was that there would be an overlap between the current and new Chief in order to allow for training.

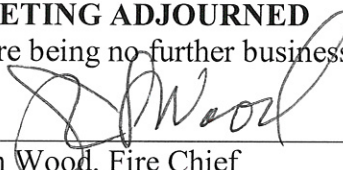
-By the next Commissioner Board meeting, Chief Wood will have a job description of the role with a list of qualifications and requirements, a timeline and outline of expectations of the recruiting process, and a quote from a recruitment agency.

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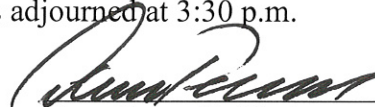
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MEETING ADJOURNED

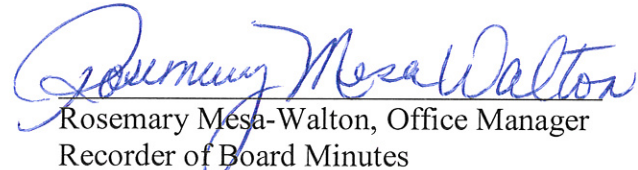
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



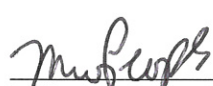
John Wood, Fire Chief




Dave Pearsall, Chair



Rosemary Mesa-Walton, Office Manager
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Mike Peoples, Commissioner



Meredith Hutchins, Commissioner