

**Pelham-Batesville Fire Department  
Board of Fire Control  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 17, 2026**

1. Chairman Frank Cox opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at PBFD Station 4 located at 789 Brockman McClimon Rd., Greer SC 29650. Members present were Chairman Frank Cox, Greg Jackman, Keith Poole, Louis Voorhees and John Parkins. Others present were Deputy Chief Mitch Atkins, Asst. Chief Drew Padgett, BC Robbie Blikle, Charlie Shill, Gary Laughter, Rainbow Moore, and VC Barry Pittman. Guest in attendance was Joe Delaney of Keel Concepts.
  - a) John Parkins made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Louis Voorhees seconded the motion, and all members approved.
2. Greg Jackman made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the regularly scheduled meeting on June 15, 2026. John Parkins seconded the motion, and all members approved.
3. Financial Report:
  - a) John Parkins presented the financial reports for July 2026.
4. Old Business:
  - a) Joe Delaney updated the Board regarding Station 4. The design is complete. Engineers have been by the site to check the building plans. There will be a cost impact due to trees that will need to be removed to accommodate the driveway to the shop. There are two options that were presented. One would be to construct a retaining wall, and another would be to build up the topography and plant new trees. Mr. Delaney will get quotes for both prior to the Board making a decision. A preliminary price on building should be available by the end of the month and can be presented to the Board at the September meeting.
5. New Business:
  - a) The 2026 Millage Certificate Form was reviewed with the Board. Greg Jackman made a motion to increase the Operating Base Millage to 24.5 from 23.9 and keep the reserve at .5 for a total of 25.0 mills. John Parkins seconded the motion and all approved.
  - b) The Capital Replacement Budget had an approved \$100,000.00 to replace the shop truck. After reviewing the replacement schedule, it was recommended that the current shop truck U-58 (1999 Ford F-450) be sold and that U-55 (2014 Ford F-150) be outfitted with a bed cover and slide out tray to replace U-58. Batt-55 (Tahoe Command Vehicle) would then replace U-55 as a staff vehicle to be used for classes and as a backup for Batt-55. A new Tahoe would be purchased for Batt-55 which would be purchased and outfitted utilizing the approved budgeted funds. Keith Poole made a motion to purchase a new 2026 Chevy Tahoe and outfit it not to exceed \$90,000.00. Louis Voorhees seconded the motion and all approved. Keith Poole also made a motion to approve the upfitting of U-55 not to exceed \$10,000.00. John Parkins seconded the motion and all approved.

6. Reports:

- a) Response and Inspection: Deputy Chief Atkins presented the response and inspection reports to the board.
- b) Other Reports: None
- c) Chief Reports:
  - PBFD Promotions: Blikle/Stevenson/Sanders/Smart/Hermetz
  - PBFD Hiring (3) FF Positions. Testing September 8, 2026
  - State Fire Chief's Conference will be held September 20-23. Chief Jolley will be presented with an award.
  - SPD Conference will be held October 14-17.
  - Board Appointments (Ledbetter/Poole) were approved by the Spartanburg Delegation on August 3, 2026. Awaiting letters from Governor's Office.
  - Next regular Commissioner's Meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2026, at the regular time of 7:00 PM.

7. Keith Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully,

Greg Jackman, Secretary