

**Pelham-Batesville Fire Department
Board of Fire Control
Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023**

1. Chairman Frank Cox opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at Headquarters located at 3050 S. Highway 14, Greer. Members present were Chairman Frank Cox, Greg Jackman, John Parkins, and Keith Poole. Others present were Chief Phill Jolley, DC Carey Ballew, Captain Mitch Atkins, Lt. Sammy Stevenson, Barry Pittman, and Rainbow Moore. Guests present were CD Rhodes of Pope Flynn Law and Terry Morris, CPA.
 - a) John Parkins made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Greg Jackman 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 19, 2023. John Parkins seconded the motion and all members approved.
3. Financial Report:
 - a) John Parkins presented the financial reports for July 2023.
 - b) Terry Morris, CPA presented the financial Audit for 2022.
4. Old Business:
 - a) Chief Jolley updated the Board regarding a proposal for grading the back part of Headquarters in preparation for the future Training project and storage facility. Additional proposals will be requested and reviewed at a later date.
5. New Business:
 - a) Attorney CD Rhodes with Pope Flynn came to speak to the Board regarding USDA Guaranteed Loans how those types of loans relate to 1926-B protection. After in depth discussion of what the process looks like, CD Rhodes explained the Pope Flynn Engagement Letter. After Attorney Rhodes departure, the Board discussed the pros and cons related to obtaining a USDA Guaranteed Loan. Once discussed, Keith Poole made a motion to engage Pope Flynn to pursue a USDA Guaranteed Loan on behalf of Pelham-Batesville Fire Department. Greg Jackman seconded and all approved.
 - b) Chief Jolley presented the revised proposal from ADW Architects for the Station 4 renovations. The number was still too large and Chief Jolley will be reaching out for additional proposals. The top three renovations needed are 1) Full Building Sprinkler 2) Kitchen Reno 3) Modern Shop with HVAC and Lifts
 - c) Deputy Chief Ballew updated the Board on recent promotions and the status of PBFD's staffing goals.
 - d) Chief Jolley addressed the need to set the 2023 Millage Rate with both Greenville and Spartanburg Counties. The Board discussed the options and John Parkins made a motion to keep the millage the same as 2022, which was 26.5 Operating Base and .5 Reserve Account for a total of 27.0 with no surcharge. Keith Poole seconded and all approved.

6. Reports:

a) Response and Inspection: AC Ballew presented

b) Other Reports: None

c) Chief Reports:

- A meeting with Sherri Turner of Pinnacle Bank was held on August 15, 2023. That meeting yielded promising results regarding transferring funds from current lower interest-bearing accounts to higher, more diversified accounts with Pinnacle Bank utilizing Intrafi. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- Next Commissioner's Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM

7. Keith Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully,

Greg Jackman, Secretary