

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Williamson County Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at Station Six. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Don Smith.

Trustees present were as follows: Steve Land, Fred Becker and Don Smith.

A motion was made by Steve Land to approve the agenda. Fred Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Fred Becker to approve the minutes of the July 2007 Regular Board Meeting. (No Regular Board meeting was held in August, 2007 due to the lack of a quorum.) Steve Land seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report was given by Fred Becker listing the following balances on August 31, 2007:

\$ 12,561.76	General Fund Checking Account	Herrin Security Bank
\$ 56,530.44	Bond & Interest	Illinois Fund Account
\$ 11,813.33	Prepaid Insurance	
\$ 68,000.00	Certificate of Deposit	Herrin Security Bank
\$319,960.61	Illinois Funds	General Fund
\$105,135.00	IL Funds	Prime Account

Total Current Assets:  
\$574,000.61

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The board accepted the bid from Jack Handyman Services at \$4,230.00 to remodel Station Two's bathroom and replace the radio room and hall ceiling tiles to match the new bathroom ceiling tiles. A motion was made by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker. The

motion carried.

With a motion by Fred Becker and seconded by Steve Land the board accepted the bid from Pulley Electric at \$1,866.00 to complete the new electrical service and remove the existing 200 amp service and also finish the line side of the new panel located in the kitchen of the new addition. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker to pay the monthly expenses. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker to accept the bid from Collard's Heating and Air at \$3,697.00 to replace the air conditioning and furnace at Station Two. The motion carried.

Chief Swiatkowski reported to the board that the bay doors have been repaired at Station Seven. The board asked the Chief to obtain bids to box in the bay door frames.

Fred Becker made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for 2008. Steve Land seconded the motion. A roll call vote was as follows: Steve Land, yes; Fred Becker, yes; Don Smith, yes; Terry Pike and Allan McCabe were absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Fred Becker and seconded by Steve Land to purchase a new engine for Station Six with the no-interest loan recently made available from the Illinois Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program. The motion carried.

Steve Land made a motion to reinvest a certificate of deposit, maturing on 9-19-07 with Herrin Security Bank. The certificate matures on 9-19-07. Fred Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With a motion by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker the board agreed to the purchase of a new freezer for Station Six at an approximate cost of \$400.00. The motion carried.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Chief's Report for: August 2007**

## **Firefighters responded to: (26) Twenty-Six Calls**

1. 7 - Field Fires
2. 2 - Vehicle Fires
3. 1 - Unfounded
4. 3 - EMS
5. 1 - Methane Gas Oil Well Control Burn
6. 1 - Control Burn - Other
7. 1 - Wash Down
8. 1 - Hay Bale
9. 1 - Electrical
10. 1 - Dumpster
11. 1 - Ground Search
12. 2 - Structure Fires
13. 3 - Illegal Burns
14. 1 - Carbon Monoxide Detector

**I. Applications for the Assistance to Firefighters (FEMA) Breathing Apparatus:**  
Nothing to Report.

**II. Application for USDA Rural Development First Responder Initiative Grant:** 75/25 split. Upgrade Extrication Equipment at Station Six. Estimated cost for equipment \$17,000.00. If successful, our share would be approximately \$4,250.00.

**III. Traffic Incident Management Program:** Purpose: Provide ongoing training to first responders to improve the safety of personnel working on our highways and byways. 25 Committee Members, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical, Department of Transportation and Tow Companies. First meeting September 20, 2007 at Station One. Request permission to prepare a meal.

**IV. Regional Fire Academy:** Our fire district is trying to initiate the establishment of a regional fire academy. For too many years, local fire departments have wasted training resources by duplicating training. We currently have twenty-nine instructors who have indicated that they want to be part of this organization. An organizational meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2007. If successful, this academy has the potential to revolutionize the delivery of firefighter training in Southern Illinois.

- V. **Freezer for Station Six:** We now have four firefighters in the college program living at Station Six. The current freezer is not large enough. I'd like to purchase an upright freezer for Station Six and move the small chest freezer over to Station One. The approximate cost for the freezer is \$400.00

**END OF REPORT**

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Don Swiatkowski, Chief

**END OF CHIEF'S REPORT**

There being no further business to come before the board and upon a motion by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Don Smith, President

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Steve Land, Secretary