
Bourbonnais Fire Protection District

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

1080 Armour Road – Station #1

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the BFPD Board of Trustees was called to order by President Myers at 4:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge.
3. **Roll Call:** President, Randy Myers; Senior Trustee, Paul Grzelak; Treasurer, Bill Hemm; Secretary, Alice Argyelan; Trustee, Rob Casino; Chief, Jim Keener; Battalion Chief McCrary; and, Attorney, John Motylinski.
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. A motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by Trustee Casino at 4:04 p.m. to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Secretary's Report:** None
7. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Discuss/Approve March 2026 Monthly Financial Report: Financial Report was included in the Board Packet. No motion needed.
 - b. Discuss/Approve Peoples Bank Checking, Money Market, and Illinois Fund Account Balances: Treasurer Hemm reported the three account balances of \$391,389.32; \$112,180.81; and \$21,729.96, respectively. A motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Trustee Casino to approve the amounts as reported.
 - c. Discuss/Approve March 2026 Investment Report: No report was presented.
8. **Bills for Approval:** Following a question asked by President Myers and clarification by Chief Keener concerning vehicle repair invoices, a motion was made by Secretary Argyelan, seconded by President Myers at 4:08 p.m. to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$414,199.02. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Motylinski updated everyone on passage of the act allowing districts to move ambulance funds within the approved budget upon proper motion/approval; Firefighter Paid FMLA received no meaningful action; and no action taken on changes to Tier 2 Pension act. Trustee Compensation has not passed but may appear during a veto session.
10. **Reports:**
 - a. Chief's Report: Chief Keener distributed a written report and gave verbal highlights including:

- i. Proposed legislation for Medicare/Medicaid services limiting ground emergency transport reimbursements starting in January 2029. Public comment on this proposed legislation is open until July 21.
- ii. Discussion with NUCOR on ensuring BFPD does not use PFAS form on their site, and potential collaboration for training towers designed for technical rescue and fire training.
- iii. Recent meetings and discussions with other local fire district representatives.

Other topics included BFPD ambulance should arrive by this Thursday; BC McCrary attended an employee celebration at St. Mary's; and work will begin on budget, specifically identifying funds set aside for planned future capital expenses.

- b. Battalion Chief Report: B/C McCrary reported on personnel matters: Four new employees: Brandon Pleckham, Ryerson Walsh, Nicholas Vargas, Rorey Hart. Four new explorers will be coming to BFPD from KACC. Emily Vasquez and Paige Koranda will collaborate with them; Katelyn Surane, Emily Vasques, Maria Holley, and Leo Lopez have all completed their Instructor I course; Kirk Luoto and Katelyn Surane will begin Company Fire Officer Training in August; and Hazmat Training will be 6/6 through 6/20/2026; New Aquaeye was received. B/C McCrary received in depth training on utilizing this new piece of sonar equipment. B/C McCrary also noted KACC is looking for a Fire/Rescue-EMT Instructor to begin in the Fall.
- c. Ambulance Billing Report: Chief reviewed the report which was included in the monthly board packets.
- d. Committee Reports:
 - i. Building Grounds: 1. No significant information presented as architect has not submitted plans yet. With the Sprint tornado, a backlog exists.
 - ii. Apparatus:
 - 1. Discuss/Approve Bid Recommendation for New Engine: Nothing to report as process has been completed.
 - 2. New Ambulance Update: Delivery anticipated Thursday.
 - iii. Recognition: Included in the board packet.
 - iv. Lexipol – No Update

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- a. Discuss/Approve Fire Chief Compensation: Following last month's meeting and a poll taken by President Myers, a motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by President Myers to approve the increase in compensation for Chief Keener as discussed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Discuss/Approve Local Transport Ordinance: Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Secretary Argyelan, seconded by Trustee Casino at 4:39 p.m. to approve Ordinance 052626. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.
- c. Discuss/Approve Audit Proposal: Short discussion ensued as to the new rate. A motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by Senior Trustee Grzelak at

4:43 p.m. to approve the three-year agreement with Sikich to perform District's annual audits for years 2026, 2027 and 2028.

- d. Discuss/Approve Employee Health Insurance: The renewal rate for insurance with BCBS for 2026-27 comes with an 18.9% increase. Following discussion, a motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Treasurer Hemm at 4:44 p.m. to approve the BCBS renewals with agent of record, HomeStar Insurance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Discuss/Approve Updated 2021 International Fire Code to Adopting 2024- No information presented nor action taken.
- f. Discuss/Approve RFP Bid Outdoor Electric LED Sign: Following discussion, a motion was made by Secretary Argyelan, seconded by President Myers at 4:47 p.m. to release the RFP and solicit bids to replace the current electric LED sign in front of Station 1. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

13. **Closed Session:** None

Adjourn

A motion was made by Senior Trustee Grzelak, seconded by Trustee Casino at 4:49 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the BFPD Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alice E. Argyelan, Secretary

Randy Myers, President