

**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
9760 Florida Blvd (Administration House)  
Walker, LA 70785

**November 18, 2019**

Chairman Dugas called the Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Blanchard and the assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Joseph Blanchard, Robert Dugas, Jeff Easley, and Leslie Falks. Darren Blevins was absent. Chief James T. Wascom and several LPFPD4 members present as well.

Chief Wascom presented the Budget packet to the Board which contained the message from preparer, budget message, authorization resolutions and budget detail.

Chief Wascom presented the amendments to the 2019 Operating Budget and the proposed 2020 Operating Budget. A discussion was held.

No public comment was made regarding the 2019 amended or proposed 2020 Operating Budget.

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

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Chairman Dugas called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:17 p.m.

Chairman Dugas called the roll with the following members present: Joseph Blanchard, Robert Dugas, Jeff Easley, and Leslie Falks. Darren Blevins was absent. Chief James T. Wascom and several LPFPD4 members present as well.

Chairman Dugas announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item.

There being no public input, the Board moved onto item 3.

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to adopt the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, and Mr. Falks  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Blevins

The October 2019 Financial Report was reviewed by Becky Fitzhugh with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP along with the Board Members. The Financial Report includes Balance Sheet for assets as well as liabilities and fund balance, Statement of Income, Budget to Actual, and General Fixed Assets.

No comments were made. The Board moved on to item 5.

There being no old business to discuss, the Board moved on to new business item 6a.

Chairman Dugas read aloud Resolution No. 19-004:

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-004 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 ADOPTING 2019 AMENDED BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 ("District") was present on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for a properly advertised, regular meeting;

**WHEREAS**, James T. Wascom, as the District's Chief Executive, has prepared and submitted a proposed Amended Budget for the 2019 fiscal year together with this adoption instrument;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that notice of the proposed Amended Budget, its availability for inspection and the date time and place of the public hearing to be held on the Budget was properly advertised in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, LA. R.S. 39:1301 *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2019 Amended Budget has been available for inspection by the public at the District's office located at 9760 Florida Blvd Walker, La 70785;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the proposed 2019 Amended Budget was held this date; November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that adoption of the proposed 2019 Amended Budget is in the best interest of the public and the District;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposed 2019 Amended Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that James T Wascom, the District's Chief Executive, be and is hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate all provisions of this Budget, including the Pay Plan, and to comply with the provisions of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, LA. R.S. 39:1301 *et seq.*

No comments were made.

Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to approve the Amended 2019 Operating Budget by Resolution 19-004.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, and Mr. Falks

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Blevins

Chairman Dugas read aloud Resolution No. 19-005:

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-005 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 ADOPTING 2020 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 ("District") was present on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for a properly advertised, regular meeting;

**WHEREAS**, James T. Wascom, as the District's Chief Executive, has prepared and submitted a proposed Budget for the 2020 fiscal year together with this adoption instrument;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that notice of the proposed Budget, its availability for inspection and the date time and place of the public hearing to be held on the Budget was properly advertised in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, LA. R.S. 39:1301 *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2020 Budget has been available for inspection by the public at the District's office located at 9760 Florida Blvd Walker, La 70785;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the proposed 2020 Budget was held this date November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that adoption of the proposed 2020 Budget is in the best interest of the public and the District;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposed 2020 Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, is hereby approved and adopted;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that James T Wascom, the District's Chief Executive, be and is hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate all provisions of this Budget, including the Pay Plan, and to comply with the provisions of the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, LA. R.S. 39:1301 *et seq.*

No comments were made.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to approve the proposed 2020 Operating Budget by Resolution 19-005.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley, and Mr. Falks  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Blevins

Chief Wascom discussed item 6c in reference to 2020 Insurance plans/premiums provided by Group Insurance, Inc and Blumberg & Associates.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to approve the BlueCross Point of Service Plan through Group Insurance, Inc. with the 4% increase and continue to pay 100% in HRA account.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley and Mr. Falks  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Blevins

Deputy Chief Jackson presented the statistics for LPFPD4's total of 512 calls in October 2019. Fire Prevention Officer Matt Gallman gave an update on the Fire Prevention Bureau statistics.

Chairman Dugas suggested applying for the safe room grant for Station 2. Mr. Falks advised he will find out information for the Friendship Community Benefit Center.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Easley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Falks, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Ayes: Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dugas, Mr. Easley and Mr. Falks  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mr. Blevins

  
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Robert Dugas, Chairman