

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

August 19, 2019

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

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

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 on.

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to adopt the minutes of the July 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

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

The Board skipped over item 7, the financial report, until a representative from Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP arrived.

Chief Wascom gave an update on Station 1 renovations, final walk through being August 21, 2019.

Chairman Dugas and Chief Wascom discussed needing a Resolution to engage Special Legal Counsel opposed to motion and vote only as before.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LIVINGSTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
NO. 19-003**

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Livingston Fire Protection District No. 4 ("District") was present on this date for a properly advertised, regular meeting;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a real need exists to engage special legal counsel to provide advice on, and handle, on an as needed basis, the matters that are regularly encountered by the Board and District including, but not limited to, public records law, open meetings law, civil service, public bid law, procurement, taxation, NFPA issues, fire and building code issues, policies and procedures, employment issues, construction issues, property issues, fire district law and related matters and litigation;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that attorneys Henry D. H. Olinde, Jr. and Scott E. Mercer of the firm of Olinde & Mercer, L.L.C. ("O&M") have significant experience representing emergency service organizations, including fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Board and District to engage Olinde & Mercer, L.L.C. as special legal counsel to provide necessary legal services on an as-needed basis;

Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Easley, to adopt Resolution 19-003 to engage Olinde & Mercer, L.L.C. ("O&M") as Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4's Legal Counsel.

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

Chief Wascom gave his Chief's Report. Deputy Chief Jackson updated the Board on July 2019 call statistics. As well as reminded the Board of LPFPD4's Appreciation Day on August 24, 2019.

A discussion was held on manpower, volunteer requirements, and recruiting.

Discussion was paused due to Mr. Trey Sanders entered the meeting, the Board returned to item 7.

The July 2019 Financial Report was reviewed by Trey Sanders 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.

The Board held a discussion about department needs and progress.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Falks made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

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


Robert Dugas, Chairman