

**LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

9760 Florida Blvd, Walker LA 70785 (Headquarters)

September 16, 2024

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. Joseph Blanchard, Mr. Darren Blevins, and Mr. Robert Dugas. Mr. Leslie Falks was absent. Chief Wascom, Deputy Chief Trey Jackson, Ms. Tasha Killcrease, Mr. Trey Sanders, Mr. Jay LeBlanc, and several LPFPD4 members were also in attendance.

Chairman Dugas announced that public input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item. There was no public comment made.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to adopt the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Trey Sanders with Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP reviewed the August 2024 Financial Report 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.

Mr. Jay LeBlanc with Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC presented proposals from three architects to design Station 7 (remodel) and Station 11 (new construction). The fee schedule is the Louisiana State fee formula and availability were the same for all three. The design schedule was the only difference and is as follows:

	Station 7 (remodel)	Station 11 (new construction)
Plus One, LLC	20 Weeks	8 Weeks
Mougeot Architects	12 Weeks	12 Weeks
Fusion Architects	8 Weeks	12 Weeks

A discussion was held on the time frames and the planning committee.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to authorize Chief Wascom to sign the contract with Plus One, LLC to begin the design process for Station 11 (new construction).

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

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to authorize Chief Wascom to sign the contract with Fusion Architects to begin the design process for Station 7 (remodel).

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

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

Chairman Dugas advised Item a. Health Unit/Jail Tax was omitted by Councilman Ricky Goff.

Chief Wascom advised the Board, LPFPD4 received one Apparatus Bid from US Fire Apparatus:

One HME Pumper	\$891,715.00
Equipment Package	\$255,914.00
Two HME Pumpers with Equipment Package	\$2,039,344.00

US Fire Apparatus can get the Pumpers and Equipment to LPFPD4 within one year as per the Bid Specification. A discussion was held.

Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard, to accept the bid from US Fire Apparatus and authorize Chief Wascom to purchase two HME Pumpers fully equipped for a total of \$2,039,344.00.

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

Chairman Dugas announced our public relations firm, ABC Group, has stopped doing business in Louisiana. Stephanie Boh, Public Relations Specialist, from ABC Group has started her own public relations firm, Boh Enterprises. Mrs. Boh submitted an agreement to keep the same rates as ABC Group.

Mr. Blanchard made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blevins, to authorize Chief Wascom to sign an agreement with Boh Enterprises as our public relations firm.

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

There being no further new business to discuss, the Board moved on to Chief's and Commissioner's reports.

Deputy Chief Jackson presented the response statistics for LPFPD4's total of 627 calls in August of 2024.

Training/Safety Officer Keesler Fly announced all four students in this year's Louisiana High School Firefighter Training Program passed their Hazardous Material Awareness test and are testing next week on Hazardous Material Operations.

Chairman Dugas wanted to publicly commend and thank Chief Wascom and all personnel of LPFPD4 for their actions and quick response of clearing roadways after Hurricane Francine.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Blevins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

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


 Robert Dugas, Chairman