

# Claflin Fire District No. 1 Agenda Meeting Minutes

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March 18, 2025

The Board of Barton County Commissioners convened this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, at the Barton County Courthouse.

## *Members present:*

Duane Reif, Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> District, (Chairman Pro-Tem)  
Barb Esfeld, Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Tricia Schlessiger, Commissioner, 4<sup>th</sup> District, Chairman  
Donna Zimmerman, Commissioner, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Bev Schmeidler, County Clerk  
Matt Patzner, County Administrator  
Patrick Hoffman, County Counselor

## *Members absent:*

Shawn Hutchinson, Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

## **I. OPENING BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schlessiger called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Esfeld moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. REPLACEMENT OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS:**

-Matt Patzner, County Administrator, will present details. In 2024, Fire District No. 1 put out a Request for Proposal for the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus as used by firefighters. As a part of that process, a bid was received from Casco Industries. Casco then advised Fire District No. 1 that there was an equipment sale that would provide additional equipment and save the agency approximately \$20,000.00. As the deal was time sensitive, the Fire District ordered the equipment. The Governing Body will be asked to approve the purchase at this time. This item was tabled on December 17, 2024.

Matt Patzner, County Administrator, presented details and asked for approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman said they would be ratifying the purchase. Patzner said that was correct. The purchasing policy would require it to come before the commissioners prior to the purchase. With the savings opportunity being time sensitive, they had to act quickly.

Commissioner Zimmerman said she appreciated the savings.

Commissioner Reif said he understood their old SCBA equipment was outdated by three years or more and they had tried for grants without success. He felt it was a wise move. Chris Steiner, Fire District No. 1, said they had a grant in to ONEOK trying to get reimbursement for the purchase. They were supposed to hear in December but were moved into the First Responder Grant and were waiting to hear.

Commissioner Reif moved to approve the purchase of certain self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and other equipment as used by Fire District No. 1. Equipment, as purchased from Casco Industries, costs \$110,888.40. That cost is to be paid from the Fire District No. 1 Capital Improvement and Special Equipment Fund, Equipment Line, 070-50-6165.

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Commissioner Zimmerman said before we have a second, could I offer that we would exchange the word approve to ratify since this purchase had already been made. Do you accept that, Commissioner Reif.

Commissioner Reif said yes.

Commissioner Schlessiger said we have a motion and then we have an amendment to the motion and a second.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

## **V. ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 A.M.

Commissioner Reif seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Bev Schmeidler  
Barton County Clerk

  
Tricia Schlessiger, Chairman