

TRI-STATE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
Held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:29 p.m.
Via Conference Call

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1630 hours by Commissioner Cheryl Hansen. Roll Call: Commissioner Michael Mensinger, Commissioner William Thomas. Also Present: Fire Chief Sam Molinaro, Lieutenant Jeff Allenspach.

b. The Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge was not recited.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting minutes of Tuesday, March 10, 2020. (Note: The April 2020 meeting was cancelled). A motion was made by Commissioner Mensinger to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting with noted corrections, second by Commissioner Thomas. Voice Vote: Aye, 3; No. 0. Motion passed, 3-0.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Correspondence – No correspondence.

- b. Invoices and bills – An invoice for \$37.50 was received from Jacqueline Timmons, Recording Secretary, for transcribing the March 10, 2020, meeting and preparation of the minutes. Commissioner Mensinger made a motion to approve the invoice and submit for payment, second by Commissioner Thomas. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Mensinger, aye; Commissioner Thomas, aye; Commissioner Hansen, aye. Motion passed, 3-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. New candidate testing list – Candidate No. 36 will be next if things work out. Then Candidates Nos. 38 to 43 are still in reserve. Chief Molinaro said that we should wait another month before proceeding any further on the List.
- b. Candidate hiring process update – During the State shutdown, there are no polygraph examinations or psychological exams being done. Candidate No. 34 – Justin Tardy, Candidate No. 35 – Benjamin Faught and Candidate No 37 – Luke Kulton have completed fingerprinting and background checks. Nos. 34 and 35 were already approved to continue in the process. Chief Molinaro reached out to Chief Grady, Executive Director of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, to see if he has a resource for companies that have remained open for polygraph exams or psychological exams. He has not received any new resources for those examinations. Commissioner Thomas asked if Candidate No. 36 would be put back into consideration ahead of Candidate No. 37 if he finishes paramedic school. Chief Molinaro spoke with Trevor Noonan, Candidate No. 36. School was suspended for a month and then resumed again online. He still will have to do clinicals and will not finish until July or August. Chief Molinaro informed him that the District would have to skip him right now. Chief Molinaro hopes to get the new hires on soon since there is a lot of overtime expense. Commissioner Thomas asked if another testing company becomes available, could that company be used or would it be a violation if used for these current three candidates. During a pandemic, the rules

may change or latitude given for extenuating circumstances. Commissioner Hansen will contact Attorney John Murphey to ask that question. Commissioner Hansen will reach out to Chief Jon Stratton and/or the Commissioners at Plainfield Fire Protection District to see what companies they use.

- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. As may be brought before the Board of Commissioners. – No new business.
- VI. CLOSED SESSION (If necessary) – Compliant with Open Meetings Act – 5 ILCS 120/2 – No closed session.
- VII. OPEN FORUM – AUDIENCE – No audience questions.
- VIII. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Commissioner Mensinger, second by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn. Voice Vote: Aye, 3; No, 0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1654 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mensinger, Secretary