

BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Jenkins called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Benton County Fire District No. 1 to order in-person and via videoconference at 6:00 p.m. at 144610 E. Law Lane, Suite D, Kennewick, Washington. In attendance at this meeting in-person were Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Jenkins, Commissioner Phillips, Chief LoParco, Captain Bibe, Mechanic/Firefighter Ball, EMS Officer Trey Irwin, Matthew Martens, Admin. Assist Misty Ferrell, Finance Manager Christie Brown, Sandi Quesenberry, Connor Johnston, Winnie, Tyler Perkins, Rylee Perkins, Brock Long, Susan, Lieutenant Trey Irwin, Liz Irwin, Lieutenant Kaven Tucksen, McKenzie Tucksen, Lieutenant Sarah Odland and Secretary/Attorney, Heidi Ellerd. (ADD

The District provided a link for interested parties to participate through Zoom. Two unidentified participants attended via videoconference/telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PINNING CEREMONY

Firefighter, Connor Johnston, was pinned by his girlfriend Winnie, Firefighter, Tyler Perkins, was pinned by his wife Rylee, Firefighter, Brock Long, was pinned by his mother Susan, Lieutenant, Trey Irwin was pinned by his wife Liz, Lieutenant, Kaven Tucksen, was pinned by his wife McKenzie, and Lieutenant, Sarah Odland, was pinned by her mother Kelly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the regular minutes of June 2, 2026, as submitted. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Commissioner Carpenter that the Board approve the Clean Air MOU agreement in the form presented and that Chief LoParco be authorized to sign on behalf of the District. The motion was seconded Commissioner Phillips and passed.
- B. Financial Retreat Date of October 16, 2026 was selected.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Commissioner Carpenter that the Board approve communication equipment as excess as listed on Attachment A. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and sent was reviewed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Expenditure Transaction Details

Presented to the Board were 2026 transactions #1143 to #1226, #1244 to #1248 and #1250 to #1253. The transactions totaled \$279,401.91 all from the General Fund.

Presented to the Board were 2026 transactions #1203 and #1254 to #1296. The transactions totaled \$104,725.98. General Fund \$98,217.92, and Custodial Funds \$6,508.06.

Presented to the Board was 2026 transaction #1249. The transaction totaled \$898.56 all from the General Fund.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the vouchers. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Revenue and Expenditure Report

The Board reviewed the Budget and Expenditure Report.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief LoParco:

- A. Reported on the number of fires and unusual high fire danger the District had early this year.
- B. Reported on Excel training with staff.
- C. Reported on his meeting with the Survey and Rating Bureau.
- D. Reported he scheduled a meeting with Senator Boenke.
- E. Reported he contacted Michael Alvarez to schedule a follow up meeting after meeting with the Senator.
- F. Reported on the bottle testing performed for all SCBAs over the last several days.

Maintenance/Firefighter Ball:

- A. Reported on work he is doing on trucks and dozer.

Logistics - Matthew Martens:

- A. Reported on the testing of sprinkler systems with Cascade Fire. Also tested backflow preventers and will need to do a repair.
- B. Reported he is still working on obtaining HVAC maintenance bids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Commissioner meeting will be on July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Approved by:



Commissioner

Submitted by:



Heidi Ellerd, District Secretary/Attorney

Attachment A

Description	Serial Number	Excess for Sale	Excess for Destruction
22 - Motorola APX4000 Portable Radios battery and antenna	Includes 426CXV1448, 426CXV1447, 426CXV1450, 426CXV1449, 426CYT4218, 426CYT4217, 426CXV1452, 426CXV1457, 426CWH1796, 426CXK1461, 426CYT4219, 426CYT4215, 426CWH1798, 426CYT4216, 426CXK1460, 426CWH1797, 426CXK1462, 426CXV1453, 426CXV1458, 426CYT4214, 426CWH1799, 426CXK1463	X	
8 - Motorola APX4500 Mobile Radios	472CWH0947, 471CYT0574, 472CWH0863, 472CWR0148, 471XYT0571, 471CYT0572, 472CYT0575, 472CYT0573	X	
10 - Kenwood TK-7180 Mobile Radios	91100203, 90600290, 91100201, B2600193, 90600384, 90600356, 90600358, 91000738, 90600288, 90600345	X	
2 - Kenwood NX-5700 Mobile Radios	C0210032, B9710458	X	
7 - ICOM IC-F70S Portable Radios	2301470, 2301514, 2311202, 2301564, 2301951, 2301668, 2301511	X	
1 - BendixKing PMH5992X Mobile Radio	1816026	X	
28 - Bendix King KAA0355P Portable Radio Chargers	No Specific Serial Numbers	X	
10 - ICOM BC-119N Portable Radio Chargers	No Specific Serial Numbers	X	
25 - APX4000 Portable Radio Vehicle Chargers	No Specific Serial Numbers	X	