

Board Meeting - June 16 @1700

Meeting Purpose

Finalize the FY27 budget and address key operational updates.

Key Takeaways

- FY27 Budget Approved: The final \$1,829,402.94 budget passed.
- Scholarship Awarded: Hawkins Smith won the Clara Edwards Scholarship for his 5.015 GPA and Wofford acceptance, with a new committee process mandated to ensure fairness.
- Apparatus Status: The Seagrave is delayed at Leslie awaiting correct tie rod ends. The 2017 Pierce's price was cut to \$450k after 90 days with only 3 inquiries.
- Website Compliance Mandated: New state rules require posting board member contact info and financial documents online, with a Jan 2027 deadline.

Topics

FY27 Budget Approval

- The final \$1,829,402.94 budget was approved after a final reading.
- Key Adjustments:
 - Equipment: A new "Small Engine Parts & Repair" line item was created for better cost tracking.
- Future Savings Opportunity: The 3-year audit contract with Love Bailey expires, allowing for a new RFP process to potentially lower costs.

Clara Edwards Scholarship Award

- Recipient: Hawkins Smith was selected.
 - Rationale: Highest GPA (5.015) and Wofford acceptance (Finance major).
- Process Improvement: The committee will now meet in person to review applications.
 - Rationale: To ensure fairness and prevent discrepancies from remote reviews.

Apparatus & Facilities Update

- Seagrave (Leslie, Rock Hill):
 - Status: All work complete except for tie rod ends.
 - Delay: Incorrect parts were shipped; new ones are expected this week.
- 2017 Pierce (For Sale):
 - Status: Price cut to \$450,000 (from \$475k) after 90 days with only 3 inquiries.
 - Rationale: The market is not accepting the current price, likely due to the truck's white color requiring repainting.
 - Action: The price drop will trigger new alerts to potential buyers.
- Rescue Truck (New Build):
 - Concern: Slow progress and unexpected price increases.
 - Action: A meeting is scheduled for next week to review all quotes since April 2025.
- AC Maintenance:
 - Action: All 6 units at both stations will be serviced Thursday for \$500.
 - Rationale: Proactive maintenance to ensure reliability during summer heat.

Financials & Incidents

- FY26 Closeout: Ended with \$1,708,973.38.
- LGIP Interest: Earned \$16,194.48 in FY26.
- Vehicle Damage Claim: A \$5,493 payment was made to Fred Anderson Chevrolet.
 - Rationale: To repair a citizen's 2023 Hyundai damaged by a department ice cooler left in the road.

Website ADA Compliance

- Mandate: New state rules require all Special Purpose Districts (SPDs) to make websites fully ADA compliant by Jan 2027.
- Required Content:

- Board Members: Contact info (phone, email), district represented, and compensation reports.
- Financials: 3 years of budgets, audits, tax rates, and fee schedules.
- Legal: Governing documents, statutes, and FOIA contact info.

Next Steps

- Staff:
 - Contact Hawkins Smith to finalize the scholarship award.
 - Meet with the rescue truck builder to address price and progress concerns.
 - Begin website compliance updates, including posting board member info.
- Board:
 - Decide on the July meeting date, as the director will be on vacation.