



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
(EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE)**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Seabrook called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Virtual “GoToMeeting” held on-line: call in number (872) 240-3212, Access code or ID 837-374-949.

COMMISSIONERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

District 1 Commissioners: David Seabrook, Deborah Stinson, Deborah Tillman and Steve Craig

Absent: Geoffrey Masci

Admin Staff: Chief Black, BC MacDonald, HR Stewart and District Secretary Ysseldyke-All

NEW BUSINESS

A. Levy Lid Lifts and Associated Resolutions: Chief Black showed a PowerPoint presentation on the 2023 budget and went over the postponed expenditures. Even with the postponed expenditures the budget is expected to expend \$2,305,205 more than the expected revenue for 2023. In the future Chief Black would like to see the EMS levy stay at .50 and the Fire levy to keep up with inflation more than every 11 years. Whether to run both an EMS levy and Fire levy was discussed. Also discussed was the amount to lift the lid for the fire levy. It was considered that it is financially hard times to ask for a lid lift but the District has postponed raising the lid lift and can do so no longer. As the most a fire district can raise the lid is \$1.50 for Fire the discussion considered the needs of the community and the hard financial times with the ability for the district to deliver on expectations. \$1.25 to \$1.50 were discussed with most people falling into the \$1.30 category. Commissioner Stinson had done extensive stats that revealed that there was an increase of 47% in call volume since 2011. Commissioner Stinson was also not sure if the public would accept both and EMS and Fire Levy at one time and considered going only for Fire at a higher levy rate. Everyone communicated that transparency with good solid reasoning for the lid lift was required.

MOTION: Commissioner Tillman made a motion to accept Resolution 22-12 Providing for the Submission of an EMS Levy Lid Lift to return to .50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District and Resolution 22-13 Providing for the Submission of a Fire Levy Lid Lift to establish the new rate at \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District. **Commissioner Stinson** seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Public Comment – SFN – commented that it was hard times and that 2023 looked dire for the general community. Bud Ayres stated that .50 for EMS was reasonable and he would like the Fire levy to be more than 1.30. Jim Nuerenberg stated that he supported the levies 100% and that it looks like the economy is doing a little better. He suggested that the message of district “need” be marketed well to avert poor voter turnout.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Tillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM. **Chairman Seabrook** seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jefferson County Fire District 1



David Seabrook, Chairman



Deborah Stinson, Vice Chairman

Not Present

Geoffrey Masci, Commissioner



Steve Craig, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Deborah Tillman, Commissioner



Teresa Ysseldyke-All, District Secretary