



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on June 11, 2019
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

Don Thanars – Present
Russell Lindsey - Present
Emile Lombard - Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell asked, has everybody read and approved the minutes from the May 14th, meeting? That would be our regular meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I did have the opportunity to review the minutes online. I didn't see anything that was out of line and I would move that we approve them with the video governing.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, how do you vote?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. Has everybody read and approved the minutes for the special meeting on May 31st?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, Madam Chair, I did review those also. That was the special meeting that we had to approve our millage rates and they seem to be in order. It also was videoed and I would move that they be approved with the video governing.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, how do you vote?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carried. Okay, we will move on into the Financial Report, Chief Dockery.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, for the month of May, we are looking at a target range of 42%. EMS Services is bring in 40.44%, so, a little under on that side of it. As of re-occurring cost, each month, the only one that I see that is slightly high was the, I just lost it, should be Accounting, General, Line Item 88. We are at 49.82%. I will check with Moyle and see where we are ranging on their bill for that.

Mr. Trascher asked, could that have been something, excuse me Chief, could that have been the audit?

Chief Dockery said, it could have been.

Mr. Trascher said, you know something, that extra that we had to put in and it may come back down?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, what, like \$2,000 I think it was.

Mr. Trascher said, Act 774, whatever it is.

Chief Dockery said, Act 774, I will talk about it when we get out of finances. But as of re-occurring, everything looks to fall in place, around the 42% mark. To give you an idea for the EMS side, last month, looks like she gave me the wrong one because I got a date of 2/1.

Mr. Lombard said, I got a 3/8.

Mr. Trascher said, 3/8, that's what I got.

Chief Dockery said, well the date of receipt from 2/1/19, I got the wrong one from her. Never mind on that one.

Mr. Trascher said, so that was February. We did good for February, a little short month.

Chief Dockery said, so, that one will just have to get caught up on the next meeting. But, that's all I got for finance.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, let's move into the Chief's Report and EMS Report.

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT

CHIEF'S REPORT/EMS REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, okay, for the month of May, we had:

EMS (30 Transports)	43
MVA	8
STRUCTURE FIRE (All Mutual Aid for District 7, 2 Mutual aid for Slidell)	3
SERVICE CALLS/GOOD INTENT	9
RUBBISH/GRASS FIRES	3
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	8
VEHICLE FIRE	1
TOTAL	75

Chief Dockery said, of the 64 EMS calls, 21 of them were transports. Kind of a low month but, that's good. I rather have it zero to tell you the truth.

FIRE CLASS COMPLETED

Chief Dockery said, our fire class is completed this month or late last month we had everyone test. We had 15 test for Firefighter 1 Cert. 13 of them passed so far. We had 2 of them test for Firefighter 2. Both of them passed. We have a couple, I don't want to call them stragglers but, they are a little bit behind. They haven't tested for Firefighter 1 yet. They have been taking their Hazmat Awareness and Hazmat Operations. So, seems to be a good turn out for the class. It seems to be a good turn out in test taking so, I am very pleased with that. I'm looking forward to getting a few volunteers from it. Some of these guys already got jobs for other departments which is fantastic. You know, young men getting out there and getting their foot in the door. So, but hopefully, we will be able to retain them as volunteers and maybe in the future, some full time employees.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's good.

Chief Dockery said, the 4th of July Celebration will be on July 3rd. I think it gets started at 6:00 pm til the fire works. I have been talking to Ms. Kat Walsh. She's come by a couple of times. She is requested our light tower and a couple of radios. I told her we will have the light tower out there for her or for them to use and I do have some spare radios on our VHS system that we will let them borrow for that so they can have communication among one another. This will be an old sub frequency off of our old frequency that we have for public works. It's already an open channel. They will be able to use that to talk among one another. I did tell her that it is still regulated so, no cursing, please.

Mr. Trascher said, because they still do monitor those channels.

Chief Dockery said, yes, FCC still monitors it. Even dispatch doesn't monitor that one being it's a sub channel so we let the public works use that back a long time ago, when Levigne was Mayor. They used that channel a lot. They haven't I a while but it is still there. So, side note, just thinking about the Town. The Mayor sent out a crew over to 112 and they dug up the driveway and put in a culvert so, hopefully, the driveway over there will start draining correctly. I still need to get out there and dig a little trench in the back of the parking lot out to the road to help drain the back of the parking lot.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, but, hopefully, this will help divert some of the water going right across our parking lot washing everything out. It hasn't stormed heavy since then so, hope for the best that it works correctly.

GENSET ON MEDIC 112

Chief Dockery said, on to some bad news. You know, I will be real frank here. I keep this in my office, I found this one year and I found it to be humorous. It's Murphy's Law for Firefighting and one of the ones on here is:

The First Rule of Equipment – Any piece of Firefighting equipment will never malfunction or fail until:

- (A) you need it to fight a fire or
- (B) the salesman leaves.

We have a serious issue with our primary medic truck. We had an issue with the generator a couple of weeks back. It kept shutting down.

Mr. Lombard asked, that's the new truck we just got?

Chief Dockery said, it's what a 2014?

Chief Pam Little, Chief of Operations, said, yes. It's got a few years on it now. It's our primary unit.

Chief Dockery said, so, I brought it to Pan American in Covington. They looked at it over the weekend, that weekend and the guy said, look, I put everything, I turned everything on and I even went and got space heaters and put in there to load the generator down and it didn't fail. It would not fail. The only thing that I can tell you is that the magnetos are almost out of tolerance of which they consider in speck. So, I said okay, well, we ran it all the way back here, it ran fine. The truck itself started acting up. It had a severe vibration around 60 to 65, to where it would shake the whole truck. Alright, maybe we got something going here. Maybe we got a tire out of balance. So, me and Chief Little went and had the tires balanced on it.

Chief Little said, first the front then the back.

Chief Dockery said, and back.

Chief Little said, and rechecked.

Chief Dockery said, and rechecked again. Still got a shake. I'm like okay, I am lost. I consider myself a decent mechanic but I am running out of options so, I bring it to Slidell, Slidell Fire and I have a guy, one of the mechanics, ride with me. First thing out of his mouth was, it's a hanger bearing for the drive shaft going out. I'm like alright, I will bite on that. So, we get back to the shop and he gets underneath the truck and he shakes it. Sure enough, there's a hanger bearing that's bad. Alright, cool, now we know. He changed it out, he changed both of them out. Get the truck back, not as bad but, it's still got a slight vibration. Bring it back to the tire place and have them check the tires again. Everything is perfectly in balance. Bring it to Ford and I said, it's got a shake at 60 or 65, please find it. They checked all the tires, they are all true, all the rims are true. I asked them to check some other things on the truck and they stated they can't work on it. They can't lift it there and it needed a set of brakes. I asked them to do a brake job and there again, they said we can't do it here. We don't have the machines to lift the truck up and if we do...

Mr. Trascher asked, because of the box?

Chief Dockery said, because of the box and if we do it's going to be over \$2,000. I am like, no. So, I brought it back to Slidell and they threw brakes on it I a day and it's back. So, long story short, I got it back from them and I am bringing it back from them and I got here and put it back in service after a small gas leak and it started doing the same thing, shutting down. I called the company back up, told them that it was doing the same exact thing. It's been in the shop this entire time and it just went back in service and he stated that it was the magnetos that are bad in it and they needed to be replaced. Now, with that being said, I talked to him yesterday about that. I called him back today to verify because he never did contact me again and he said, he has been running through the quote on it to fix it and it's going to take roughly 23 to 26 hours of labor to fix it. To fix just the magnetos in it, to take the generator apart off the motor and fix it. Now, this motor, it also needs a little bit of TLC on the motor side. That would be some extra hours. We are looking at \$125.00 an hour just in labor. So, he roughly came out and said, it's going to be close to \$3,000, for repairs on it, just on the generator side of it. Now, with that being said, a new generator, the same exact one, is about \$3,900 to \$4,100. With that being said, the generator we have now has 3400 hours on it. I'm

kind of looking to go with possibly replacing this generator with a new one and maybe taking this old one and kind of, going through it, have someone go through it and fix things at a later date to have, I don't want to call it a back up, but a spare. It's not something I like getting hit with but, it's got to be fixed.

Mr. Lombard said, it's got to be fixed.

Chief Dockery said, it's got to be fixed. You know what they say, you got to spend money to make money but, we got to spend money to get this back up and running. Now, every year I got one truck that decides it wants to have a gremlin and this year it looks like the Med truck is that truck this year. So, I just wanted to bring it to...

Mr. Lombard asked, how much is the engine going to take to repair whatever is wrong with it?

Chief Dockery said, the engine, it just needs some hour maintenance.

Mr. Lombard said, plugs and all.

Chief Dockery said, plugs and check the rings on it. Make sure the cylinders are still in spec, new head gaskets and stuff. So, basically, breaking it down and going through it making sure everything is okay and then putting it back together and adjusting valves on it. So, it's nothing catastrophic on the engine side, it's just...

Mr. Lombard asked, what's the cost on it roughly, do you know?

Chief Dockery said, on that side, I would probably say about 6 to 8 hours of labor. So, another...

Mr. Lombard said, \$1,000.

Chief Dockery said, another \$1,000, whenever we brought it over there for them to check it, it was \$360, for them to check it and replace some spark plugs on it and it's still failing.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and a new generator is \$4,000?

Chief Dockery said, an new generator is about \$4,000, \$4,100.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's a no brainier to me. Just buy a brand new one. I mean, it's not worth putting money into something like that with that many hours on it.

Chief Dockery said, I didn't realize how many hours it had on it until I went out there and looked. He was like, yeah it's got 3400 hours on the generator.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would just like to see you get a new one.

Mr. Trascher said, now, the motor that you are talking about is the engine for the generator?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, yeah, if it needs motor work and the magnetos, throw that sucker out and buy a new one.

Mr. Lombard said, how much is a complete motor and generator?

Chief Dockery said, \$4,100.

Chief Little said, the whole generator.

Mr. Lombard said, we can probably scrap that one and get some money for a fishing camp or something. You never know.

Chief Dockery said, surplus it and I wanted to bring it to your attention.

Mr. Trascher said, well, that's the one we have to bite. We have to have that. Does that unit fit the other ambulances or no?

Chief Dockery said, that's the only one that has a generator in it. The other unit has, basically, pulls it's power from the inverted.

Mr. Lombard said, has an inverter.

Mr. Trascher said, and the new one, well the used new one?

Chief Dockery said, the used new one that we got, it does not have an inverter in it. I am probably going to put an inverter in it but, it still draws power from the main truck itself. It doesn't pull the a/c, like, this one has a separate a/c for the back.

Mr. Trascher asked, do we have that money in the budget now? Can we pull from the budget to fund that?

Chief Dockery said, I can pull from other places in the budget but, for that truck specifically, I know I spent some money with the balancing of the tires and the replacement of the bearings on the drive shaft and the brake job that we just did. So, I am going to have to put money into that one to replace that generator

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I am saying. Within the budget can you go through the budget and find line items and put money back into the budget and transfer that over to do it?

Chief Dockery said, I believe I can. No offense but, we just took in \$17,000, from training from what we made off this.

Chief Little said, I think it's a little (inaudible).

Mr. Lombard said, you the Chief, you figure on what you want.

Chief Dockery said, I want ...

Mr. Trascher said, do you want to entertain a resolution to that affect or is the Board satisfied?

Mr. Thanars said, I am satisfied.

Chief Dockery said, I just want to keep you all in the loop and on board with this.

Mr. Lombard said, I appreciate it.

Chief Dockery said, that way nothing is surprising. Like I said, I was figuring you know, maybe \$1,000, worth of work or something but when he said, close to \$3,000 just to fix it.

Mr. Trascher said, that's just he generator, plus, \$1,000, for the motor so, your at \$4,000. Another \$100, you got a warranty.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, and then you got a brand new generator and engine.

Chief Dockery said, yes, and hopefully, it will go another 5 or 7 years.

Mr. Trascher said, sounds like a plan.

Mr. Lindsey said, you got my vote. But Chief, the vibration, they still haven't found that yet?

Chief Dockery said, no and after speaking with Slidell, there are two more options to do and while the truck is down, while it is out of service broke, I am going to entertain these options. He said that one of the was to have the drive shaft checked.

Mr. Lindsey said, balance the drive shaft.

Chief Dockery said, I don't see any damage to it.

Mr. Lombard said, one of the weights could have fallen off of it or something.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, like I said, it's more of a harmonic balance or harmonic vibration because, from 0 to 55ish you don't feel it and then from 70 up you don't feel it.

Mr. Lombard said, maybe the universal joints have got corrosion on them or the bearings might be bad in them. I don't know. They can check it when the pull it off.

Mr. Lindsey asked, at any point, has that truck hit anything, like in the roadway or anything? The reason I am asking is, it's possible it could have a bent axle.

Mr. Thanars said, or a tire rod maybe.

Mr. Lindsey said, and the reason I am saying that is because I have one of our work vans right now with the same issue. When it gets around 70 miles and hour, it starts vibrating. I put changed tires, had them balanced, put all brand new tires on it and it's still the same issue.

Mr. Lombard said, you know, I've seen the universal joints where I put in a yolk and all the bearings keep getting wet and they dry and they get wet and they actually form a corrosion in there and at that speed it would do that.

Chief Dockery said, well, they replaced the universal joints in it when they replaced the hanger bearings. Now, they did say it had some slack in the tail of the transmission, where the yolk came out, it had some slack.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's wiggling around.

Chief Dockery said, he said, that bearing, the end cap could be going out.

Mr. Lombard said, yeah.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and it's not leaking?

Chief Dockery said, it's not leaking but they don't do transmissions there so, I would have to bring it to, he had a couple of different shops in Slidell. We had them look at that tail cone and make sure that bearing is not bad in there. While it's down, have the drive shaft looked at and make sure it's not hitting. I don't see any damage but, there again, it could have thrown a weight or if they struck a tire...

Mr. Lombard said, bring it to Charlie Brown's old place.

Chief Dockery said, I don't know what you would call a tire skin, a blown tire on the interstate, if you strike something like that you could have knocked one off. I mean, because we, speaking of blow outs, we had a blow out on our service truck. A week or two ago coming back from a structure fire in Slidell, going down the interstate and we just had one tire just completely disintegrated on us.

Mr. Lombard said, that's a lot of weight on there.

Chief Dockery said, nothing, I don't want to say nothing could be done with it, it happened, it's one of those fluke things. They just dropped the water and crawl it back to the station. I had someone come out and just replace both tires on that axle or both tires on that side because, if that one blew out I didn't want to risk any damage from the inside tire. So, that

was taken care of relatively quickly.

Mr. Lombard said, good.

Chief Dockery said, but on the ambulance, like I said, while it is down with the generator side, I may as well have this other looked at.

Mr. Lindsey said, try and figure it out.

Chief Dockery said, because I don't like problems going without a solution and this one is driving me crazy because everything I have thrown at it, it's kind of been...

Chief Little said, kicked back at us.

Chief Dockery said, so,

Mr. Lindsey said, while it is down, it's time to do it.

Mr. Trascher said, maybe we will get it a full moon, the gremlins will go.

Chief Dockery said, man, I wish they would go.

Mr. Lindsey said, what's going on with our reserve.

Chief Dockery said, the reserve one, actually our reserve right now, it had a, I don't want to say a catastrophic failure, it had a failure of a brake on the back. It will be back up tomorrow.

Mr. Lombard asked, is that the one up here by Brian?

Chief Dockery said, no, that's the...

Chief Little said, that's the one that we had as a spare previous to that one.

Chief Dockery said, it's sitting in Slidell right now. They had to order a part but, it will be back up and running tomorrow. It's just a ...

Mr. Lindsey said, I was talking about the one that we just recently purchases.

Chief Dockery said, the one that we just recently purchased, it's over at 112 right now and we got the decals off. Chief Little has the paper work right now for them to come out and inspect it. We are going to give them a call tomorrow to see if we could pretty please our way into getting it done relatively quick and getting into it. Everything is working on it. The A/C is nice and cold. It's clean.

Mr. Lombard asked, there's no vibration on that one?

Chief Little said, I have to go to the DMV to get the tags on it.

Chief Dockery said, actually, I drove it the other day because when we first got it, it had a vibration on it because it sat for 2 1/2 or 3 years and it had flat spots in the tires. So, I drove it around Saturday and it did excellent. The only problem I did have is, it got hot in the cab and come to find out, the cabin air filter has never been changed since probably 2004 and it was black as could be. It had pin holes in it, so, \$20 and a few minutes of labor and I had a new cabin air filter in it and running just as fine, so.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's good.

Chief Dockery said, It seem to be a strong truck. I am pleasantly surprised with it. I've seen, I found a few features that I didn't know it had. So, on the inside it has a lock box already that has a finger print scanner in it. I called the company and ordered 2 keys for it. I had to send some information, I had to send my license and everything of course, because you are asking for a key for a safe. But, when that comes in we can start using that as our narcotics box. It's looking to be a good truck right now.

Mr. Lombard said, good.

Chief Dockery said, like I said, I am pleasantly pleased with it. We are going to have a guy come in and do some simple little decals on it. Nothing fancy, it's got to have the white stripe put around it, 360 coverage, and I want our patch put on the door.

Mr. Lombard said, right.

Chief Dockery said, and that's about as simple as it's going to get and we are going to run with that. So, that's all my doom and gloom for the Chief's Report.

Mr. Lombard said, it's good to me.

Chief Dockery said, that's all I have on that.

Mr. Lombard said, you got out of here with \$4,000 and cheap enough.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, if we are done with that, we will move to Old Business, Insurance removal, Floyd

OLD BUSINESS

INSURANCE RENEWAL – Chief Jack Dockery

Mr. Trascher said, removal, let's not remove it.

Mrs. Blackwell said, renewal.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I think we discussed this at the last meeting. We took action on the hospitalization for the employees. I think the one that we needed to do is the vision and the dental.

Mr. Lombard said, the Chief was suppose to talk to the men and see what way they wanted to go.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, from what I understand, the Chief has indicated that the Department would prefer the new plan that is by Humana. I think, Mr. Rosenbohm?

Mr. George Rosenbohm said, yes, what I have been able to do on the Humana Plan is, because we are putting the Dental and the Vision in, we are going to be able to reduce the rates on the Dental by 2%. I don't have the actual new rates with that but, it's 2% less than what I showed you all last month and I have copies of what I sent you all or gave to you all last month.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't need it.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, I think also, my staff, Chief, Gwen sent you the link for the network on the dentist and things like that? Did you get that?

Chief Dockery said, she sent something asking for some names.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, yes, you gave her that information.

Chief Dockery said, I will have to look.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, but anyway, we got just as good a network within the Humana Plan. The big thing with the Humana Plan, and the only ones doing it is, you not limited to a \$2,000 of benefit. You've got unlimited benefit. The only down side of the plan that we discussed last time was, if you have new hires, there's a 12 month waiting period on major services where, there is not waiting period on the current plan. So, again, you weighing with not a lot of turnover, your weighing a lot better benefit when people have some dental work that needs to be done as opposed to giving up a 12 month waiting period on the major services for new hires.

Mr. Lombard said, if we have to get a tooth exam when they come to work. Make sure their teeth are okay.

Mr. Lindsey asked, that \$2,000, max, was that for vision and dental or just for dental?

Mr. Rosenbohm said, just for dental. There's no max on the vision. The vision is basically a scheduled plan. That's the other thing, instead of having \$130, for frames under the Blue Cross Vision Plan, now you have \$160, for frames under the Humana Plan. So, these plans are a little bit richer in any case to the dental, it's a lot richer. The other thing on the Humana Plan, on the vision, is that, you know when you go get your eye glasses, what they do is they

up sell you, right. They want you to put tinting, they want you to put scratch resistance, there's a copay schedule for each one of those items instead of a discount. So, you know what you got going in from a standpoint of what your out of pocket expense is going to be.

Mr. Trascher said, now, the cost of the plan, I think it was around \$30, a month or something.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, let me get it.

Mr. Trascher asked, was that for vision and dental?

Mr. Rosenbohm said, the vision and the dental are separate. This is the current cost and the renewal cost with the Blue Cross and the Humana Plan, the unlimited plan. So, again, when you get the 2% discount on the dental it's going to be a lot less and that will offset some of the increase on the, I think it's like .60 cents, .55 cents on the vision plan that's more.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, we talked about maybe the commissioner's, the Fire Board Commissioner's be eligible to participate on this plan?

Mr. Rosenbohm said, I could not do it. You have to be at least a 30 hour a week employee. I tried to get that done but, it didn't happen.

Mr. Trascher said, okay.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, it can't happen.

Mr. Lombard said, how about just with the vision?

Mr. Rosenbohm said, with just the vision? They won't do it on either one.

Mr. Lombard said, okay.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, there is a great vision plan that you can do on an individual bases with VSP.

Mr. Lombard said, well I will have to talk to you on it then.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, yes.

Mr. Lombard asked, Floyd do you want to, too? Cause he is wearing glasses already.

Mr. Trascher said, already?

Mr. Rosenbohm said, these vision plans are very, very good. You know, my staff, I am fortunate that I don't wear glasses but, our staff, they use it and they get a 50 – 75% discount from what they would have paid if they didn't have the coverage.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it's better than what I just paid for these. I got these last week and they were the \$130.

Mr. Lombard said, frames?

Mrs. Blackwell said, frames and I bought another pair and I still spent \$200 -300 on two pairs

Mr. Rosenbohm said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, Chief, do you have any other comments on this one?

Chief Dockery said, no, sir.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, any of the Board members? If not, I would so move that we approve moving to the Humana plan, if I am stating that correctly.

Mr. Thanars said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, for the employees. I do have a resolution to that effect if you would like me to read it.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, are you going to read it?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, there's a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

Mrs. Blackwell asked, oh I am sorry, is there any discussion? I think we are ready.

Mr. Trascher read:

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 ("District") was present on this date for a properly advertised, regular meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 11 of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana (the "District"), find it in the best interest of the Board, employees, citizens and taxpayers to approve the provider for vision and dental insurance coverage to the Humana plan:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners wishes to approve the provider for Vision and Dental Insurance to be changed to the Humana Plan for Vision and Dental Insurance for the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11.
2. To the extent that prior resolutions or acts of this Board conflict with this Resolution, those prior Resolutions and actions are superseded by this Resolution.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, how do you vote?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher, how do you vote?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Lombard said, good job George.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, thank you guys, we really appreciate you.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes sir, thank you for coming tonight.

Chief Dockery asked, is it New Business yet?

Mrs. Blackwell said, yes, we are ready for New Business if you are. I was kind of giving you time. Thank you Mr. Rosenbohm.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you Mr. Rosenbohm, I need to talk to you tomorrow if you have time.

Mr. Rosenbohm said, call me.

Mr. Trascher said, alright.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we are moving into New Business, Changing the Official Journal, Chief Dockery.

Chief Dockery said, okay, this is going to be short and sweet so we can get out of here. I talked with Ms. Riles today about maybe changing our Official Journal. She is in the process, she is going to send me some paper work on it and I would like to move away from the Farmer and maybe move to the Advocate which is kind of crazy because, the Advocate bought the Farmer.

Mr. Trascher said, they bought the Farmer.

Chief Dockery said, and I think the Advocate owns Times Picayune now. But, regardless, the Farmer only comes out once a week where the Advocate is basically every day.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, it's easier for us to be able to put something in there and get within our time cycles that we need.

Mr. Lombard said, sure.

Chief Dockery said, that's what kind of threw us off with this millage thing. I had to have X amount of days before our meeting and being that they only went once a week, it kind of threw us for a loop. So, it's just to inform you all that I would like permission to look into changing.

Mr. Trascher said, do you want, have you looked into the rate difference between the two?

Chief Dockery said, that's what is basically, it's going to have to be bid out and she is going to send me everything to see what the rates are and the whole process. This is just basically, I don't want to say asking permission but, stating that I would like to do this, I would like to look into this.

Mr. Trascher said, great. We talked about it before and I think it's a great idea. Let's get it and see what it is.

Mr. Thanars said, you said, bid it out. What are the other options?

Chief Dockery said, the Advocate and the Farmer are the two local. You have the Times Picayune but they are more or less the, on the South Shore way.

Mr. Thanars said, it was sold and bought by...

Chief Dockery said, by the Advocate. It's ...

Mr. Thanars said, so you don't really have an option.

Chief Dockery said, yeah.

Mr. Trascher said, if the Advocate is not much more for publication.

Mr. Lombard said, mention my name to the Advocate and they know me.

Mr. Trascher said, I bet they do.

Mr. Lombard said, I went out there the other morning, it won't take too long, to get my paper. I like my morning paper in the morning. I don't mind paying for it. There ain't no paper so, I come and I waited and said, maybe I am a little early, you know. 8:00 came and I still don't have a paper. I called the number up and I got somebody in Baton Rouge that handles the circulation. Mr. Lombard, we don't have a carrier in that area. I said, really! What the hell are you taking my money for? She said, what do you mean? I said, somebody has been giving me a paper every day for the last 4 years and it's not you all? It's got your name on it. She said, we don't have a carrier. I said, lady, cancel my paper, would you please. Because as dumb as you are I don't need a paper from you and they are still delivering my paper.

Mr. Trascher said, they did, a lot of times when you call for the Advocate, they tell you there's no carrier in Pearl River.

Mr. Lombard said, I know.

Mr. Trascher said, they do have a carrier and they will deliver.

Mr. Lombard said, the guy lives right down the street from me.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, that's what I am saying. But, yeah, sounds great Chief.

Mr. Lombard said, you can't cure stupid.

Mr. Trascher said, unless there is a big substantial difference in the rates..

Chief Dockery said, yes...

Mr. Trascher said, I don't have a problem with it. Does anybody else?

Mr. Lombard said, no. what I don't understand is, when you hire somebody and listen, somebody calls up and they didn't get a paper, this is what you tell them. I don't care what it is, we will get somebody to bring you one out as soon as possible. I'm happy with that. You don't have to tell me you don't have anybody possible. Just tell me your going to get me one.

Mr. Trascher said, in other words, lie to you.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't care, make me feel good, shit. 6 o'clock in the morning and I don't have my paper, how much madder are you going to be?

Mr. Trascher said, oh my gawd.

Chief Dockery said, just because I got wound up over the Med Truck deal, I forgot to mention I do have the auditor coming back this Friday to do the 774 Audit. So, hopefully, everything will go smoothly and without a hitch on that.

Mr. Trascher said, in the past it seems like the biggest problem we had was the credit card issues and I think you resolved those, so.

Mr. Lindsey said, Chief, there were two things I wanted to ask you and I guess I should have asked it a little earlier. One, and this is nothing to do with the paper if we are done with that, our bricks on the front.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey asked, have we made any more decisions or headway on that?

Chief Dockery said, yeah, we were kind of doing a little bit of talking before. I got two quotes so far and one of the gentleman, he confused me a little bit. I have to call him back tomorrow and get a concrete answer from him, no pun intended. But, I had Dino's Masonry give me a quote for \$21,500, but, he says remove brick from the front of the wall, or front wall of fire station, lay bricks back using right wall ties and angle iron, flashing will be installed over all openings and job site clean up will be included, \$21,500. I don't know if he is wanting to lay old brick back.

Mr. Lindsey said, sounds like new brick but, that was a good bit more expensive than our other quotes, huh.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, well, they were going to repair that one little section. This is tearing the whole front of the building and putting a new front up. The second company is Gator Masonry. Their out of, it looks like Kenner, but they are also working on, I want to say working on 13, over in Slidell, doing some work with them. He put on his proposal to demo approximately 8,000 bricks, including dumpster and clean up and to furnish and install the following bricks and accessories including, hot dipped veneers, flashing, lentils, mortar neck, bricks and mortar, caulk and top flashing to match existing. Caulk all windows and overhead doors, new brick allowance of \$385 per 1,000 to be approved by owner. Any unforeseen damage to exterior sheathing, waterproofing will be assessed once demo is complete. If any work needs to be done to make sheathing water tight, a cost modification may occur, \$29,050. Price includes labor and materials as outlined above. So, one of them is \$21,000, almost \$22,000, and one of them is \$30,000.

Mr. Thanars said, my concern with both quotes though was that, I don't know what the

specifications were. What are they bidding on? It's like it's arbitrary that somebody is kind of nebulous in the wording. Are they repairing a section or are they removing the whole, the front?

Chief Dockery said, removing.

Mr. Thanars said, it's not clear though.

Chief Dockery said, this one would be, remove the whole front.

Mr. Thanars said, I guess what I am asking though, are they bidding on the exact same thing? If you lay it out, the exact same thing.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, in terms of scope of work?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Thanars said, okay.

Mr. Lombard said, we can get a better definition of it.

Mr. Thanars said, because one of them you said he was going to remove it all and the second one, again is vague me. They gave you 8,000, a number of brick. That doesn't necessarily mean it's the whole front.

Mr. Lindsey said, they were talking about reusing some of the other ones, right?

Chief Little said, we not sure the way it's worded, if that's what he meant or not.

Chief Dockery said, the second one, he's thinking there's 8,000, brick on the front of the building. That's total amount because it was said to both of them I want the front completely torn off and put back. Preferably with new brick. It's kind of a waste to...

Mr. Lombard said, clean the mortar.

Chief Dockery said, clean the old ones off and put them back up.

Mr. Thanars said, that's what I am saying. Did he put a number and quantify. What if it's 10,000, so, now you got to pay for an extra 2,000, bricks as opposed to saying I am going to replace the entire front.

Chief Dockery said, I understand.

Mr. Lombard said, listen, a good brick layer can tell you how many brick you are going to

need and when they ship them, they ship them in bundles of 100, so, if he needs 100 he gets an extra 100. I got a brother in law is a contractor in New Orleans on masonry. I don't want him to get the job but, I want him to come out and bid the job on how he is going to do it.

Mr. Thanars said, okay.

Mr. Lombard said, he will come for me.

Chief Dockery said, so, I understand what you are saying on that. That's a great point, yes, what if it is 10,000. Are you going to charge me an extra 2,000 that you have to tear down.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, get caught in a loop hole, oh there's an extra 2,000 brick.

Mr. Trascher asked, do you have any prices on another wall covering?

Chief Dockery said, I have looked, I have been trying to find something, some type of other exterior and it's not very common down here.

Mr. Lombard said, let me show you an new, I picked this up because it was on a house and I liked it.

Mr. Lindsey said, the other quick question I had, Chief, on line number 40, Station 2, we had in the budget \$7,000, we are 90%, on that.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, see, 350. Do we anticipate that we are needing some more for repairs over there? Will we have to...

Chief Dockery said, we may have to bump that one up a little bit but, there's still a couple of things I would like to do over there.

Mr. Lindsey said, (inaudible)

Chief Dockery said, we basically went through and reworked the network at both stations and the security at both stations. The locks and so on, changing out door handles and bringing them up to code with the lever style.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was just thinking, if we are talking about modifying the budget some to allow for the new generator and stuff, you may have to keep in mind in doing it and juggling to put a few extra dollars in for that station.

Chief Dockery said, yes sir, that would be the plan when that time comes.

Mr. Lombard said, this stuff is tough. It's going on a house. Look how thick it is.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's composite, plastic?

Mr. Lombard said, yes, you put this one on and the next one locks in and the nails go up here.

Mr. Lindsey said, it's not a hardy but a composite.

Mr. Lombard said, but I tell you what, (inaudible) it's an option because, I saw it on a house and he gave me 2 so, I put them in the truck.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am definitely not opposed to eliminating brick.

Chief Dockery said, I just don't want to go back to the metal if we can help it.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, we are going to go back to something with a good look.

Mr. Lombard said, Mike's Hardware handles it.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Lombard said, he is the distributor of it.

Chief Dockery asked, do you mind if I have those pieces?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, he will go pull some off the house.

Mr. Lombard said, they were laying on the ground and I picked them up. I said, Gene, you want these? He said, no you take them Mr. Lombard.

Mr. Trascher said, if they were still on the wall you would have picked them up.

Mr. Lombard said, he said, how many do you need? I said, I need about 4,000 feet. He didn't have it. That's Louie Thompson building a new house back there by me.

Chief Dockery said, okay.

Mr. Trascher said, that may be an option. I mean, I would think you could take it down to the metal and stud it and I guess, screw the siding to it like that.

Mr. Lombard said, that nails on.

Chief Dockery said, I am not opposed to any suggestions.

Mr. Lombard said, now, he told me it's more than vinyl because vinyl is thin and that's pretty thick stuff.

Mr. Lindsey said, we don't want no vinyl.

Mr. Trascher said, vinyl is \$40 a square and you can cut it with a pocket knife.

Mr. Lombard said, that stuff there is nice and thick. I was impressed by that. It's like a hardy board but it's...

Mr. Lindsey said, impact resistance.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, as far as I know it is.

Mr. Lindsey said, I looks like it would be.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, I didn't even think of that.

Mr. Trascher said, it gives you something to compare, so.

Mr. Lombard said, they got a name for it. Pete told me but I forgot it after 10 minutes.

Chief Dockery said, and you said, Mike's?

Mr. Lombard said, yes, Mike's on Browns switch.

Chief Dockery said, alright, I will check with them and see what that name is and we will...

Mr. Lindsey said, you don't have to worry about termites eating it or it rotting.

Chief Dockery said, and we will go from there.

Mr. Lombard said, and it comes in colors. We might get a barn red, you never know.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's all I got.

Mr. Trascher said, thank you, sir.

Mrs. Blackwell said, any body else got anything?

Mr. Lombard said, and you thought I just goofed off all day, ya see.

Chief Dockery said, play golf all day, huh.

Mr. Lombard said, 2 days this week.

Chief Dockery said, 2 days.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, does anybody else got anything? Motion to adjourn?

Mr. Trascher said, so moved.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

Mr. Thanars said, second.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Thanars, how do you vote?

Mr. Thanars said, yea.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, how do you vote?

Mr. Lombard said, Mr. Lindsey.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I was pulling y'all's finger. Mr. Lombard?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries, meeting adjourned.