

**BEAVER FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Jack Erwig, Co-Chairperson Paul Elieson, EMT Representative Lonnie Laws, City Council Representative Owen Spencer, Fire Chief George Humphreys, Fire Department Representative Larry Weaver, Fire District Secretary Anona Yardley, Ambulance Director Jenifer McIlnay, Beaver County Attorney Von Christiansen, EMT Representative Leslie White and County Commissioner Wade Hollingshead were excused.

**Welcome and Opening:** Chairperson Erwig welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes Reviewed:** Board members reviewed the minutes of **October 20, 2025**, that had previously been sent to them. There being no recommended changes to the minutes, Board Member Laws motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Board Member Spencer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Fire Department Financial Review October & November, 2025**

Board Members reviewed the bills for the fire department. Board Member Weaver motioned, and Board Member Elieson seconded to approve the fire department bills and financial statements as presented. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Ambulance Service Financial Review September & October, 2025**

After review, Board Member Weaver motioned, and Board Member Laws seconded to accept the ambulance department bills and financial statements as presented. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**Conflict of Interest Statements:** No conflicts were noted or voiced for this meeting.

**2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed 2026 budget was opened at 7:20 p.m. There were no public were in attendance. The Ambulance Service and Fire Departments are both part of the Service District. They will have more income so there will probably be a need for a large audit. The \$300,000 grant is in this budget. The estimated state grants of \$60,000 are also in the 2026 budget. With no other comments or questions, Board Member White motioned and Board Member Laws seconded to approve the 2026 budget for the Ambulance and Fire departments as presented. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**2025 AMENDED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing to amend the 2025 Fire Board Budget was opened by Chairperson Jack Erwig. The FEMA Audit is included in the 2025 budget. Two furnaces were replaced this year. They were 25 years old. Five SCDA plus the grant apparatus were purchased in 2025. There is still \$2,000 remaining in the budget amounts to finish paying December bills. The ambulance service budget was very different from the actuals. They had more runs than estimated. The contract labor is more because of raises in wages. The state grants were actuals for 2025. Building maintenance was more than the budget because of the new generator. It should be a capital improvement. There being no further discussion or explanations, Board Member Laws motioned and Board Member Spencer seconded to amend the Fire Department 2025 budget to actual amounts. Motion carried with a majority vote. Board Member Laws

motioned and Board Member Spencer seconded to amend the ambulance budget with the two-months of bills that are still need to be paid. Motion carried with a majority vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CDBG Grant for Ambulance Progress – Secretary Yardley**

The methodology for the income survey has been approved by the State AOG and the survey is readied for the EMT's to distribute. The surveys will be hand taken to each address that has been randomly selected by a random selection number, and hand returned to be sent to the Five County AOG. The list was prepared by Beaver County of all the property owners in the fire district boundaries. The survey must be completed and in the Five County Offices by January 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The application will be submitted to Five County before the end of the month. The actual application deadline for the grant is January 31, 2026. The state CDBG board will review the applications and award notices will come in March or April.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Beaver Co. Commission Approval of Board Members – Attorney Christiansen**

Beaver County Attorney Christiansen distributed Resolution 2025-22 designating the Fire District Board Members for 2026. Board Member Spencer motioned and Board Member Weaver seconded to recommend the Beaver County Commission adopt Resolution 2025-22 with the change of Beaver City's representative. Motion carried with a majority vote. Board Member Spencer's term expires December 31, 2025. Another board member representative for Beaver City will be appointed in January, 2026.

### **2026 Meeting Schedule – Secretary Yardley**

The 2026 meeting schedule will be unchanged from 2025. All board meetings will be held on the third Monday of the even numbered months unless the third Monday falls on a holiday. In that case, the board meeting will be held the next day, Tuesday.

### **Fire Chief's Report – George Humphrey**

Wildland Fires – There were only 29 acres of wildland fires for Beaver County this fire season. The city and county financial commitment has been reduced greatly. They had 30 runs for the year which were brush fires and service calls. This was less than the year before.

SCDA Equipment – The equipment is here. The money was wired today to the bank for the FEMA grant.

Fire Department Membership – The number of fire fighters is down slightly. Hopefully there will be more people interested in volunteering in 2026.

Fire Marshall Role in Department – The Fire Marshall's role is very important in the community. He is very busy in the department. There have been problems with the big building south of town with the fire suppression system. They need a temporary occupancy quickly. They are putting in a 6" gas line. There are problems with the water pressure.

### **Ambulance Director's Report – Jenifer McIlnay**

Christmas Party – Had a wonderful party.

Ambulance Department - Month of December has been very quiet for ambulance runs. There were 460 runs. One new EMT passed the EMT test. There are a couple of others that will be taking the test. Two other EMT's called to be on the schedule. They are losing one EMT and four new people will be joining the department. The EMRR is available through the school. Students will be enrolled.

**Changes to the Ambulance District part of by-laws** – There were additions about emergency travel needing to adhere to all traffic laws. Texting while driving was the main concern with this wording. Obeying all laws pertaining to distracted driving and speeding. Board Member White motioned and Board Member Laws seconded to make the changes to the ambulance by-laws as recommended by the board. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Thank the ambulances and fire trucks for the transportation of the Wright boys down Main Street tonight. This is the last meeting for Board Member Owen Spencer. Beaver City

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jack Erwig, Chairperson

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Anona S. Yardley, Secretary