

**ABERDEEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MARCH 12, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Aberdeen Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. for a Budget Work Session – Fire Department. Members present were Commissioners Pat Ann McMurray, Robbie Farrell, Jim Thomas and Walter Wright. Mayor Elizabeth Mofield and Commissioner Donna Shannon were unable to attend. Others in attendance were Town Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Nancy Matthews, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Allred and Fire Chief, Phillip Richardson.

Mayor Pro-tem Farrell called the Budget Work Session to order. He stated the Board would hear from the Fire Department's requests for the upcoming budget year.

Fire Chief Richardson gave a brief power-point presentation pertaining to three goals for the upcoming year. He stated the department wants to: (1) Improve response time to four minutes or less for 90% of the time, (2) increase the level of service to the citizens and (3) provide the tools and equipment to allow employees to work more efficiently.

Chief Richardson used graphs showing the increase of calls from 1995 to 2007, which were 206 to 983. He stated percentages went from 23% in 1995 up to 227% in 2007. He explained the types of calls showing the different percentages.

Chief Richardson then presented to the Board the needs for the department for FY2008-2009:

- The purchase of a new pumper/tanker at the cost of approximately \$350,000.00 up to \$400,000.00. He stated this will meet the minimum standard required by the National Fire Prevention Association. He stated the 1983 engine will become a support apparatus once the new truck is purchased.
- The need of a storage building for storing the old 1940 fire truck, seasonal equipment and maintenance equipment. He stated the bays at the station are getting crowded with all this equipment. He stated there just is no extra storage in the station for this equipment and this is the reason for this building. He stated approximate cost of no more than \$20,000.00 for the building.

- Upgrade medical response vehicle by adding a camper shell, a slide out unit, adding a winch and guard. He stated this will allow the department to leave the equipment and medical supply needs on the truck at all times. He stated the cost to add these items to the truck will be \$10,000.00.
- Upgrade brush truck. He stated this truck was purchased during this year from the federal surplus. It was used in a police department only as an undercover drug vehicle. He stated it is dark blue and he would like to have it painted to match all the other fire vehicles. Cost at \$2,200.00.

In closing, Chief Richardson stated his capital outlay items came to a total of \$382,200.00. He stated that as for expansion of the fire station and more sleeping quarters, this possibly would be considered in the FY2009-2010 budget.

Before the Board adjourned, Manager Zell had a picture of a shelter that was built in Hamlet and he wanted their input. The consensus of the Board was for Manager Zell to look into pricing for this shelter for the Lake Park.

With no further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Farrell, to adjourn the Budget Work Session. Motion unanimously carried.

Nancy M. Matthews, Town Clerk

The minutes were completed in
draft form on March 13, 2008

Elizabeth B. Mofield, Mayor

The minutes were adopted
April 14, 2008