



St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 11
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Meeting on March 10, 2020
Fire Chief Jack Dockery

ROLL CALL

Russell Lindsey – Present
Michael Tassin - Present
Emile Lombard - Present
Floyd Trascher – Present
Michele Blackwell – Present

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

FINANCIALS

MINUTES

Mrs. Blackwell said, can everyone see? We will move on to approval of minutes for February 11th? Does everybody approved the minutes?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, I did receive the minutes and if there's no further discussion, I move we adopt them. I didn't see any errors and with the video governing.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Tassin said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. We will move right on into the Financial Report, Chief.

FINANCIAL REPORT – CHIEF JACK DOCKERY

Chief Dockery said, alright, finances, I have none. I emailed Moyle's office earlier and I have not received any word back from them. I think we are still playing the learning game with new employees over there. So, maybe it's on both of our parts that they didn't understand that today was a Board meeting.

Chief Little said, she knows I had the checks cut for today.

Chief Dockery asked, what's that?

Chief Little said, they should have. I told her I needed the checks cut for today.

Chief Dockery said, according to the Chief of Ops, they have been told but, I have not received a report and I've checked with email with them. I do have something from the EMS side. I did get in touch with Vickie and she sent stuff over. Last, for the month of, she sent me something totally wrong.

Chief Little said, that's about right.

Chief Dockery said, never mind on that one too.

Mrs. Blackwell said, yep, that's 2019.

Mr. Lindsey said, I was fixing to say we are back in February 2019.

Chief Dockery said, like I said, we are doing.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, moving on to the Chief's Report

Mr. Lindsey said, that was a decent month back then.

Mr. Trascher said, I was going to say, we are doing well.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, moving on.

Chief Dockery said, alright.

Chief Little said, she missed the checks for the credit cards, too.

Chief Dockery said, for the month of February, at least I got this right, I hope. We had:

EMS	41
MVA	5
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	5
DISPATCHED/CANCELLED IN ROUTE	4
STRUCTURE FIRE Mutual Aid 2 for Fire District 7 and 1 was for Fire District 1	3
VEHICLE FIRE	1
RUBBISH/GRASS FIRE	2
POLICE MATTER	1
ARCING POWER LINE	1
TOTAL	63

STATION REMODELING

Chief Dockery continued, as you can see out in the classroom, we are still in process of remodeling. We went through Station 112 and had floors put in, we painted, cleaned, changed out pieces and parts. It's starting to look really nice over there. Hopefully, it will start looking nice over here too. I will come to you all next meeting and ask to move some money over from one of our other accounts for some other projects I have in line that I would like the funds to be moved over to that we budgeted for. But, we will discuss that next meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, if you would, with the projects, have some cost estimates with it so we will be informed.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Chief Dockery said, I will. One new thing is the Town of Pearl River contacted me and asked if we would like to participate in a program that they have with the St. Tammany Animal Shelter and we agreed to it. So, each month we will have a new animal placed on our website for the public to see and there will be a little bio of the animal and how you can adopt it. So, it seems to be, we had one so far placed on there and if anything, it is good public relations with the Town and with the good people of this District. There's a lot of animal lover's out there. So, anything we can do.

Mr. Trascher said, basically, we are using the website to advertise. That's a great idea. It's a good community service.

Chief Dockery said, anything we can do to help and get the word out there.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are they going to put it on Facebook as well?

Chief Dockery said, I think it's on our Facebook as well. So, it's on our Facebook, our website and I want to say, the Town of Pearl River, on their Facebook site, they have it so, more than welcomed to jump in that little project with them. It's a win, win for everybody. As of that, that's all I have for the Chief's Report.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, we will move to Old Business, Surplus Equipment, Chief Dockery.

OLD BUSINESS

SURPLUS OF EQUIPMENT – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, alright, in front of you, you have a list with 10 items on it. These are older items that are, right now, at Station 113, just sitting there. I'd ask that they be surplussed and moved off of the list. Some of these items are non-repairable, others, another department may find a use for them. We have no use for them and they haven't been in use here for years. We have 2 safes, I don't really know what to do with the safes other than put them in the paper for bid.

Mr. Lombard asked, are they regular safes?

Chief Dockery said, one is a gun safe that they bought to hold the checks in at the time but, we don't need to have them in that. We have them in a locked room in a locked cabinet. So, that suffices for us.

Mr. Lombard asked, it's a heavy duty safe?

Chief Little said, the safe is probably about 5 feet tall by 3 feet.

Chief Dockery said, the only way I can figure is to put it out for bid because, of course, everyone around here that's on the department wants it.

Mr. Lombard said, highest bidder gets it.

Chief Dockery said, yeah, and the other one we had for our medical supplies for years.

Chief Little said, that was before me.

Chief Dockery said, yes, Robby bought a safe big enough to put a man in, basically and all you need a safe for is the controlled substances, narcotics. We do have a couple different safes now for that, that track you when you go in and when you go out of it. It keeps a detailed log of where these narcotics are.

Mr. Trascher asked, who, what and where.

Chief Dockery said, who, what and where at all times.

Chief Little said, DEA compliance.

Chief Dockery said, so, the big safe, it just had basic, it was just holding band aids. We don't need a big safe to hold band aids. I'm sorry, no one is going to come...

Mr. Lombard asked, where are you going to have them so people can see them?

Chief Dockery said, truthfully, those things are heavy.

Mr. Lombard said, I know they are.

Mr. Trascher said, they can see them where they are.

Chief Dockery said, I can take pictures of them and put them on the website or something.

Mr. Lombard asked, are they at the station?

Chief Dockery said, they are at the station over at 113 in the bay but, we can take pictures of them, have them available.

Chief Little said, the unmanned station, the one on the service road is where they are.

Mr. Trascher said, well, maybe you can take pictures of them and if we do all of the equipment and we advertise all of it, we could have one day of viewing time, say from 2 to 4, or something like that. If anyone wanted to look at it before they bid, they can come, they are

welcome to come see it. Any of the items I would imagine.

Chief Dockery said, I got 2 vent fans, one of them is the motor is shot on it, it's just for parts. The other one, I don't want to say a wooden prop, it has a wooden prop on it that, they don't use that anymore. It's not safe. Firefighter is dangerous enough and you got basically, a wooden prop on a fan and they crack and break apart so, it's sitting over there. I've got a TNT cutter and I am missing 2 things.

Mr. Lombard asked, is that extrication tools?

Chief Dockery said, that's extrication tools. I did not put on here, I missed 2 of them. I have two pumps. The pumps that operate these cutters and spreaders and (inaudible) tools.

Mr. Lombard said, oh, hydraulic pumps.

Chief Dockery said, hydraulic pumps.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are they still functional at all?

Chief Dockery said, they will still crank, I am not sure if the hoses are any good on them any more.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do we have maybe another district that would be interested in it that we can donate them to?

Chief Dockery said, we can put it out there to other districts.

Mr. Lindsey said, this isn't something that you'd really need to sell them?

Chief Dockery said, no, this isn't, that part is not something that John Q. Public is going to come and say yes, I want them cutters right there. This is for another department.

Mr. Trascher said, I think, probably, what we need to do is list all of this for bid and if we don't get any bids on it then we can donate it to another department.

Mr. Lombard said, if any show interest.

Mr. Trascher said, or if another department would come in and bid \$2, we can sell it to them for that. But, if we don't get any bids on it, then we can donate it to a fire district or a similar agency.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do they work? Does the pumps still work, I know you said they were still running. Does the hydraulic equipment still work?

Chief Dockery said, they did back when they were set up. We just didn't use, we used TNT back when Robby was here and I think he got them off of the Brick program when we were

selling the bricks when we bought that set and it was probably back in 2004.

Mr. Lindsey said, I remember when we got that.

Mr. Trascher said, we just need to say the condition of the equipment. You know, haven't tested it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it would definitely have to be serviced and tested. At least, have some type of liability form for us too.

Mr. Trascher said, sold as is.

Chief Dockery said, yes, from any liability which comes to my next part is the 2008 Freightliner, 2 Business Class. The old ambulance we had, I had a Fire Chief from District Number 6 approach me and he wrote me a nice letter that I have in front of you. It says:

Chief Dockery,

it is my understanding that STFD 11 may have an ambulance to be surplussed in the near future. STFD 6 is in need of a service unit as the existing is on it's last leg. Our Fire District has the lowest income of all in the Parish. This in itself makes it most feasible to obtain used equipment when available. As it stands now when the existing unit becomes unrepairable, we will be unable to replace it anytime soon. This problem in turn will present a problem with PIAL as we are required to have 2 service companies. Any assistance from you guys would be appreciated.

John P. Taylor
Fire Chief

Chief Dockery continued, lots of times little departments will take the ambulance and put the equipment on it that's needed for a service company and get credit for it as a service truck. Our service truck out here, we carry 3000 gallons of water but, I can turn my pickup truck into a service truck if I had enough room to throw enough ladders, pipe holes, generators and such on it. I would ask that the Board take into consideration possibly donating this vehicle to Fire District Number 6. I do know that the Chief over there is, I want to say, is a volunteer Chief. I don't want to say he even collects any money from the District. They are that...

Mr. Trascher asked, would it be a problem to put it out to bid and let him, if he could bid anything on it?

Mr. Lombard said, well, suppose you put it out to bid and somebody comes and over bids him.

Mr. Lindsey said, I wouldn't have a problem donating it.

Mr. Lombard said, I wouldn't either.

Mr. Lindsey said, I know we have been in that position, you know, years ago we needed every and anything donated.

Mr. Lombard said, just get a whole bunch of (inaudible).

Mr. Lindsey said, Slidell used to donate to us old fire trucks and things.

Chief Dockery said, with like entities, I know it's not an issue with the bid process. We can donate.

Mr. Lindsey said, donate.

Chief Dockery said, I know we had an issue before when we received the, I don't even know what you call it, the little school house that we have.

Mr. Trascher said, we couldn't give it away.

Chief Dockery said, this is a like entity.

Mr. Lindsey said, my only worry with putting it out for bid is, if somebody else decides they want to get it and then, their bidding against somebody in the public and runs it up. They wouldn't have the money to get it.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think anybody would bid on that.

Chief Little said, they would have to put some money into it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, it's not, I'll put it this way, I wouldn't trust it going out of State.

Mr. Trascher said, you wouldn't trust it going to LaCombe.

Mr. Lombard said, out of State isn't that far either.

Chief Dockery said, I wouldn't be taking any long road trips with it. That being said, it still has some years left in it, it just needs some tender loving care that is not feasible for here. Even with them, it's still going to be a hardship because it still got some work to be done to it. That being said...

Mr. Lombard asked, so, there is no way we can just donate it to them?

Mr. Lindsey said, sure.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, you probably could. I just don't think it's prudent to just give it away on the first shot. We should at least, look at bids and see what we can get for it.

Mr. Lombard said, you get a bid for \$200 and they don't have the \$200.

Mr. Trascher asked, who don't?

Mr. Lombard said, the Fire District.

Mrs. Blackwell said, District 6.

Mr. Trascher said, well, we can reject bids.

Mr. Lombard asked, why can't you just reject and give it to somebody else.

Mr. Trascher said, we reject bids and we can do a mutual aid agreement with the District.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I think we are trying to get it to them either way. I just say give it to them.

Chief Dockery said, if we put out bids we are just going to be spending money to do it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I would just like to see us donate it because I know, we have been in that boat before where we didn't have any money and people donated to us.

Mr. Lombard said, I think it would be good relations with Fire District 6.

Mr. Lindsey said, try to help them.

Mr. Lombard said, go ahead and make a motion.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we donate it to Fire District 6.

Mr. Lombard said, second.

Mr. Trascher said, point of order. The motion would be out of order until we surplus it. We have to surplus it to decide it's disposition.

Mr. Lombard said, well, you know where we are going with it.

Mr. Trascher said, he hasn't said anything either. No, I don't have a problem with donating it. I just think...

Mr. Lombard said, well, don't make it confusing.

Mr. Trascher said, we need to do our due diligence.

Mr. Lindsey asked, are we going to do this as a surplus all this as a list or are we going to surplus that individually?

Mr. Trascher said, I think the intent was to surplus all of this as a list and then, Chief, correct me if I am wrong.

Chief Dockery said, yes, we can surplus it as a list.

Mr. Trascher said, and we can pick what items we want to bid.

Mr. Lombard said, if we surplus it as a list and somebody wants to bid on that, we have to let them bid on it?

Chief Dockery said, well, how about we surplus everything on the list and we will just have it in the resolution that these are all the items that are being surplused. I believe, once it's surplused, then you can say we are going to donate this item to the District being that it is a like entity. The bid process...

Mr. Lombard said, okay, let's do it like that.

Mr. Trascher said, you could do that, once it's surplused, once the equipment is surplused, you can dispose of it. You can do what you want. It's just, it would be prudent...

Mr. Lombard said, it's not going to be surplused and put out for bid at the same time.

Mr. Trascher said, no, once we surplus this equipment and we can decide the disposition.

Mr. Lindsey said, I make a motion that we surplus the 10 items on this list and the 2 items.

Chief Dockery said, yes, so it should be 12.

Mr. Trascher said, we are going to add 2 pumps for the TNT and that would be resolution 2020-008, to surplus the list of equipment.

Mr. Lombard said, you have a second on it.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, do we need to read the resolution?

Mr. Trascher said, no.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Tassin said, I vote yes.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, how do you vote? I'm sorry, I am having a hard time with names tonight.

Mr. Lombard said, you just don't like me, I understand.

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

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, your not alone, I can tell you that.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries. I feel old right at the moment.

Mr. Lombard said, what do you mean feel.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, now we have the equipment that is surplussed. We can decide the disposition. I think we need to put it out to bid and then...

Mr. Lombard said, I don't want to put the fire truck out to bid, the ambulance.

Mr. Trascher said, I think we should put the list out to bid and give preference to the Fire District.

Mr. Lombard said, then that defeats the purpose of...

Mr. Tassin said, it almost sounds worse than just donating it.

Mr. Trascher said, if somebody comes in with \$10,000, for the truck...

Mr. Lombard said, tell them they can't have it, we donated it. When you get that some bitch you put him in jail because he is a crook.

Mr. Trascher said, if he's got \$10,000, it is what it is. Where is District 6?

Chief Dockery said, Lee Road.

Mr. Lombard said, I would let everything be bid on except the fire unit. I would like to donate that to the Fire District 6.

Mrs. Blackwell said, I am good with donating that too but, that doesn't matter.

Mr. Lombard said, we can put everything on the list out to bid except for the ambulance and we want to donate to Fire District 6.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, I suggest we do 2 resolutions. We will deal with the resolution on donating the ambulance, the 2008 Freightliner, to dispose of that. You want to make a resolution that it be donated to Fire District 6, based on the letter from Chief John Taylor, right?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, yes, and we want an agreement that we are not held liable for anything on it.

Mr. Trascher said, the only thing we can do is that, I don't know how you can do that other than to say it's donated as is, there is no implied warranty.

Mr. Lombard said, as is, where is. Right.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Georgette, do you know the next resolution number? Are we making a resolution now?

Mr. Trascher said, yes, Emile is offering a resolution to donate the 2008 Freightliner, that's on the list of surplussed equipment, to Fire District 6, based on the letter from Chief John Taylor.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, that would be 2020-009?

Mrs. Blackwell said, 2020-009, on the resolution.

Mr. Lindsey said, I second that.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Tassin said, I vote 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, no.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Lombard said, 009 or 09?

Mrs. Blackwell said, 009. Okay, we need the other resolution.

Mr. Trascher said, Resolution 010, would be to list the equipment that is on Chief Dockery's list with the exception of the 2008 Freightliner, to put that out for bid. Are we going to do a sealed bid, do you want to do a sealed bid on that Chief?

Chief Dockery said, that's fine.

Mr. Trascher said, we will put that out on a sealed bid.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it also needs to state as is.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, all of this equipment that is surplussed is surplussed with the intent that it's sold as is and no implied warranties. This will be advertised by sealed bid. I so move.

Mr. Lindsey said, second.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Tassin 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. Well, is that's it on surplussing equipment, Chief?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we will move to Further Discussion on Deferred Comp.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON DEFERRED COMP – Chief Jack Dockery

Chief Dockery said, I just wanted to touch base with the Board on the deferred comp. As of

the figures that we talked to with Mr. Ponder, he said, as of, for the figures, that would be a departmental sit down and for us to come up with what the department would like to place in for the employee. I would like for us as a Department, to move forward with this company. I think it's a great savings for us, just the part timers with the social security case.

Mr. Trascher said, on that part I don't have any problems because it's no cost to the department.

Chief Dockery said, with the other part, it's no cost to the department either. It's just switching companies. Right now, we are with Louisiana Deferred Comp. We would just be moving from Louisiana Deferred Comp over to AXA.

Mr. Trascher said, but we need to set up, as a Department, the matching funds and things like that.

Chief Dockery said, that would be something, once we are moved over, that's something we can sit down and talk about and come up with, and it can change from year to year. As of this year, I have set aside, I want to say \$107,000, I had set aside for retirement. I would like to sit down with each one of you and kick around the figures of what the departments match would be if we were at State Retirement, to what we can help with the employees. Kind of get the best of both worlds. We can't get into the actual State Retirement right now because, once we get in we are locked in and it's looking to keep going for the next couple of years. At least, what we are in now, if we are in a good time, we can pay good but, if we get in a bind again, we can always cut back and it's to the Departments discretion on how the money is spent in that way. But, as of this moment, it doesn't cost us anything to move over to this other company. It's just more of a savings for us especially with the part timers with the plan that they have with Social Security where, instead of paying the 12%, it's cut.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't have a problem with that at all, with the part timers. Before I decide, I would like to sit down and look at the, just like you are saying, we are paying Social Security now. I don't think we want to stop that.

Chief Little said, we can't.

Chief Dockery said, for the full timers, we can't.

Mr. Trascher said, well, you would have to go into Fire Fighters Retirement. We are not going to be able to pay both of them and I don't know if it would be... who is that?

Mr. Lindsey said, a pickup truck.

Mr. Trascher said, oh, I don't know if, like I am saying, I want to look at the figures and see because if we do the deferred comp high enough and still pay Social Security where it's close to Fire Fighters Retirement, that could change the outcome. If we could sit down, I don't have a problem moving the part timers now but, before I would want to move the other funds so that we can tell the employees what it would be, I would like to get with you like we said, at

the last meeting.

Mr. Lombard said, why don't we have it at a meeting so we can all talk about it at the same time.

Chief Dockery said, we can do it but, right now, with Louisiana Deferred Comp, we can do a matching fund. It's just, no money is coming from the Department to the employee as of right now and it wouldn't with this new company right now, until we sat down and talked like we are talking now of where or how much the match would be. As Mr. Ponder said, it was I think, roughly there's a \$19,500, was the cap per year for the employee and employer.

Mr. Lombard asked, for both or total?

Chief Dockery said, for total.

Mr. Lombard said, for all the employees, full timers.

Mr. Trascher said, no, per person.

Chief Dockery said, per person. That's employee, employer, their total match is \$19,500, in that area.

Mr. Lombard said, so we would pay half of it?

Chief Dockery said, well, theoretically, you know if we had it in the budget to do \$12,000 for the employer and what ever else that the employee put in. it would be something kind of, in the line of State retirements ball park. I think right now, for the employer, State retirement is at 29% of the employees pay where the employee is 10%. Can we get there, don't know, we will have to sit down with each employee and see what percentage it would be to get in that ball park. With that being said, with this system, it's not locked in as it would be with State Retirement.

Mr. Lombard said, what about if we use the fund we have now?

Chief Dockery said, we have the fund set aside. We can use it for whatever we want.

Mr. Lombard said, no, I mean the company that we use it for, the company we have now do it.

Chief Dockery said, we can, it's just that the other one had a better rate, a better return rate. Truthfully, I think I have spoke with someone with this company, twice in my 19 years. From what I have heard from other departments, they come at least every six months or once a year to sit down and kind of, go over...

Mr. Lombard asked, the new company?

Chief Dockery said, the new company. They come in and sit down and say, this is what's going on and kind of keep you on track of where you are wanting to go.

Mr. Trascher said, I would like if you could to put together, if we can meet this next month, either a committee or a couple of us at a time, and let's look at the options so that maybe next meeting we will be able to make a more informed decision and we can put together the package and not piece meal it together. I understand what you are saying now, is let's go ahead and adopt a new company tonight and then, we will work out the details later. But, I personally, would like to work out the details so that when we adopt a new company we can tell the employees, this is what it is and here's how we are going to do it. I think it's a no brainer for the part timers. I mean, that's a no brainer. They won't have to pay into Social Security, something they are not going to get anyway. They can be contributing to something that they will get and I think we need to sit down and put a solid proposal together between conversations with the Chief and some of the Board members so that we have a package that we put in the budget where, we always did say that we were going to pay some more on the deferred comp. We will know how much we will pay on it, what the matching funds are. The employees can sign up at that time. If they put 10 we put 10. What ever those numbers come out to be that we can comfortably fit in the budget.

Mr. Lombard said, I would just like to do it a general meeting where everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Trascher said, well, it's hard to discuss and that's why I think we can do it with a couple of Board members and have the same discussion. It's hard to do it at a general meeting because you may talk individual salaries, you may talk different things. It would almost have to be a...

Mr. Lindsey asked, would it have to be like a workshop?

Mrs. Blackwell said, it would have to be executive session if we are all involved.

Mr. Trascher said, well, if you do a workshop, it would be an open meeting.

Mr. Lombard said, executive session?

Mr. Trascher said, I don't think this falls under the privy of executive session.

Mr. Lombard said, well, that then there would be no reason to have it in an open meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, if that's what you want. I think you would be more comfortable.

Mr. Lombard said, I'm more comfortable discussing it as a unit. That way, everybody is on the same page and you can't say, well, when you discussed it with him he said this and when I discussed it I didn't get that impression.

Mr. Lindsey said, I think I would like a chance to look over the numbers as well to try and

figure out what we can do.

Chief Dockery said, I will get in touch with Jeff and actually get each employees, just yearly and just get a couple of tiers of different percentages and what the departments contributions could be.

Mr. Lindsey said, if we could get like, some projections of what it would look like based on if we went with this amount and and where it would put us and how it would it fall in our budget where we don't push ourselves to the limit.

Mr. Trascher said, we can even do a committee to meet with the Chief to work on this and bring it back to the Board. Nothing can happen until it comes back to the full Board.

Mr. Lombard said, can you have three people on the committee?

Mrs. Blackwell said, no, it would be a meeting.

Mr. Trascher said, no, it would be a quorum. It would have to be 2 people.

Mr. Lombard said, I would rather have it at a general meeting. I wouldn't support it if I didn't. I want to make sure everyone is on the same page when we look at it. We can put all the numbers together and give them to us.

Mr. Lindsey asked, can you have everything together for the next meeting?

Chief Dockery said, I will work on it and if I feel like I am behind I will let you know before hand.

Mr. Lindsey said, let's just plan on having a longer meeting.

Chief Dockery said, let's just shoot for next meeting and if we need to break it down to employee a, b and c.

Mr. Lombard said, sure.

Chief Dockery said, that way it's not too..

Mr. Lombard said, you don't discuss anybody's personal business

Chief Dockery said, technically, our salaries are public information.

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mr. Lindsey said, I just like that we don't get locked in long term like Chief was saying. That way, if we do have something crazy that happens and we need some fluctuation...

Mr. Trascher said, I think with this program that, the new company that he is saying, is that you can change it every year.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I like about it. That's ideal.

Mr. Trascher said, if we can go into it at a lower tier

Mr. Lindsey said, and work our way up.

Mr. Trascher said, and we find that we are able to, we can go up with it rather than saying that we will match 10%, right of the top and then have trouble later.

Mr. Lindsey said, will you hear back from Primerica?

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Mr. Lombard asked, and who are we dealing with now with it?

Chief Dockery said, right now, we have Louisiana Deferred Comp.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, we wouldn't want to go and drop Louisiana Deferred Comp tonight and go with this other company. You just want to go in all in at one time. We are already paying for it with Louisiana Deferred Comp. He's asking to bring it over into the new company.

Mr. Trascher said, no, we are not paying for it.

Chief Dockery said, the employees are paying Deferred Comp.

Mrs. Blackwell said, okay, the employees are, excuse me, but what I am saying is that they are already using Louisiana. He is asking tonight can we go to this other company. He want's to drop Louisiana and go to this other company. Let them pay into that and then let us come in and do what we need to do.

Mr. Lombard said, I just want to make an informative decision before I drop one and go with the other one.

Mr. Trascher said, that's what I think. That's why I...

Chief Dockery said, this was just to touch base and I will get with Moyle and kind of, get some figures to where we can sit down and talk next meeting and I don't want to say but, chewing the fat.

Mr. Lombard said, if you want that guy wants to be here in case we have questions, I don't have a problem with that.

Chief Dockery said, I will touch base with him and I will let you all know for sure if I got all of my stuff in the folder. I don't want to tell you right now and it's two days out, like tonight, we don't have the budget. I don't want to.

Mr. Lombard said, I understand. That will work out good.

Chief Little said, you also might want to talk to the employees that are actually in Deferred Comp. Make sure they are okay with taking whatever they have and moving it to this new company.

Chief Dockery said, I mean, it's not going to be a, how do I put it...

Mr. Lombard said, it's all or nothing.

Chief Dockery said, it's all or nothing but, you get a better return from this other company compared to what we have now.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if you are getting two apples here and your getting three apples there, why wouldn't you.

Mr. Trascher said, at least, if you have everything that you can ask them...

Chief Little said, it's all a risk though, because it's all...

Mr. Tassin said, nobody is getting apples right now.

Chief Little said, even Louisiana Deferred Comp, if the stock market crashes, your money is gone.

Mr. Trascher said, I think, Chief, what you are eluding to is that, while the Board has the authority to go, ahead and move this, if we get our proposal what we would like, maybe you can have a meeting with the employees and give them the option to have the final say whether they want to go with it or not.

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Chief Little said, well, even if we move to a different company I think they should be given the option whether or not that they want to move what they have out of Deferred Comp into this other company.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know if we would be able to go with the different...

Chief Dockery said, it's still Deferred Comp. The other company is Deferred Comp, too. It's just a different business.

Mr. Trascher said, a different investor.

Chief Dockery said, yes, a different investor. It's still Deferred Comp, it's still the same plan, everything else.

Mr. Trascher said, I don't know what kind of bookkeeping nightmare that is going to create to have one employee send it here and another there.

Chief Little said, I am not saying to continue sending money to the one that they have but, I have roughly \$45,000, in my Deferred Comp., it's not a lot but it's all I have.

Mr. Trascher said, that's good thing in Deferred Comp.

Chief Little said, I don't know anything about this other company so, I am like, do I want to take my chances and I mean, it's growing. Maybe not the best but, do I want to take it all out and say, here you go, do what ever you want with it.

Mr. Trascher said, that's why I say, if we had a proposal to put forward to you, once the Chief would get all the nuts and bolts put together in a basket, then maybe, the employees can have a meeting and they can explain to you and satisfy your questions, yes, this company is going to do this and one the advantages that I see...

Chief Little said, like, given the option, the Department is not going to send any money to the Deferred Comp that we have any more. We are going to be using this company but, it would be their decision whether or not that they want to take what they have here and put it over here or just start contributing here and leave that alone. Do you see what I am saying, does that make sense?

Chief Dockery said, yes, but it's the same exact plan so, it will be a all or nothing. If we choose to move to this other company, which has a better return rate than Louisiana Deferred Comp, the four of us that are in it right now would have to move into it. Everything, would transfer over. Your funds would transfer over.

Mr. Trascher said, your whole account would move into it.

Chief Dockery said, my loan that I pay each paycheck will transfer over. Everything will run seamlessly, from one company to the other company.

Chief Little said, okay.

Chief Dockery said, now for the employer part, the employer part could be either/or company. That's something we will sit down with and talk with the CPA and see what we can afford and see what's, throw out different tiers and figures for the Board to look at so the employer can match the employee. As far as the employee, it will be a all or nothing. Either we stay with the company that we have now or we will move to a new investor that has a better return rate. That's something we can all sit down with and go over. It doesn't cost us anything to sit down and talk.

Mr. Trascher said, you mean with the employees?

Chief Dockery said, with the employees. Especially with the ones that are invested now.

Mr. Trascher said, well, once we get a proposal put together and it would be the whole system. It's not going to be piece meal, it's going to be, this is what we can do. This is what the employers will do then, let the employees decide majority or rule or however you want to do it. Do you want to transfer into the new system. This is the benefits, this is the pit fall and whatever.

Mr. Lombard said, and then you can have both companies here to answer the questions.

Mr. Trascher said, well, that would be with the employees, yes, what ever you all wanted to decide. If you decide to go with it we will have...

Chief Little said, I didn't realize there were only four of us in there. I just feel that whoever has money in there needs to have a little input.

Mr. Lombard said, a say in it.

Mr. Trascher said, unfortunately, if the Board decides to go with the new company then, any of the employees that have an account, their account would be transferred over to the new company. That's why I said, while we do have that authority, you may want to look at that before we actually...

Chief Dockery said, yes.

Chief Little said, at least just make them aware of it.

Chief Dockery said, this is not to throw it out on the table tonight, it's just to keep it on the burner. That way, it's still there...

Mr. Trascher said, you know how I feel about it. I would like to meet and look, at an informal setting where you can look at everything you want to look at.

Chief Dockery said, we are a small department. We have a hard enough time as it is. I mean, I just lost two more employees this week to another department. I am not saying that retirement is everything but, it is a...

Mr. Trascher said, it's one more nail in the coffin.

Chief Dockery said, it's a huge part of it.

Mr. Lindsey said, it is.

Chief Dockery said, it's a huge part and another factor is, we are such a small department and it's hard to move up whereas, other places you have people moving in and out. Retirement does play a big part of it.

Mr. Lindsey said, I am trying to think, whatever they invest in now, in your deferred comp, say they are invested in Wal Mart or whatever they are invested in, you can talk with the new agent and say, I want to keep the same exact stocks that I have been invested in and they can set you up. The only difference is you have different people buying for you but you don't have to change the...

Chief Little said, I didn't realize it's basically the same just different people.

Mr. Lindsey said, it is.

Chief Dockery said, it's basically like a Wal Mart and a Target. They both are the same retailer just different companies. As Mr. Russell was saying, there are different tiers. You can be real aggressive or you can be conservative.

Mr. Lindsey said, you can chose what to invest in and what not to invest in. You can change it around. If you want to keep the same ones, you should be able to.

Chief Dockery said, it was the fact that they had better dealings. They actually visit with the company or with departments and sit down and talk with you. They only charge X amount where, as you know, you get hit with a charge. I think mine was close to \$80 at the beginning of the year just for them to handle my account whereas, the other one is like \$30. So, it's the same principle just a different company. We can certainly sit down...

Chief Little said, i didn't realize it was only four of us. I just thought that maybe we needed to let everybody know just so that there's...

Mr. Trascher said, any full time employee would be able to participate in it and the part timers, it's a no brainer. The part timers shouldn't, we can do that.

Chief Little said, at least it's a benefit to them that they are not going to have to pay Social Security that they are not going to get and they do have the opportunity to have money put in to that. I really thought there was more than 4 of us left.

Mr. Lombard said, and that might make a difference to the 07, to all of them

Mr. Lindsey said, well you being invested, you should have somebody that you can go to and say that I want to change up if you want to be aggressive or less aggressive.

Chief Little said, I don't think I have ever seen anybody from the company.

Mr. Lindsey said, then you need somebody else because, like with me, I have Primerica. If I need to change my strategy on my retirement I call them up and I say I want to be more

aggressive or less aggressive or whatever.

Mr. Trascher said, conservative or...

Mr. Lindsey said, and you can pick, they make recommendations on what we recommend this mutual fund or whatever, you know it has a good track record. You don't have to go with it if you don't want to. You can choose what you want to invest in but don't make recommendations and then...

Mr. Trascher said, and I have no idea.

Chief Dockery said, yes, most certainly we can sit down and talk about it and talk with the employees.

Chief Little said, well, at least the ones that have money to move just so that there's an understanding of what's going on.

Chief Dockery said, certainly, and like I said, this is not to get something tonight. This is just something to keep it on the burner, to keep this in the front, I don't want this to kind of fall off and get lost with everything else that's going on. There's a lot of irons in the fire right now and I just want to keep it. If I get something together next month, we can sit down and kind of go back through it more. Regardless of what company, I would like the employer to have a matching some type of fund. We haven't had it for many years and I think it would help with the employees.

Mr. Lombard said, well it would wind up, in the long run, they get more for their money when they retire in another 20 years.

Mr. Trascher said, your getting a raise is what it boils down to because, even though you don't see it, your putting that more into retirement, it's like a raise and for the ones that have been paying it, the Social Security, that will be...

Mr. Lombard said, that's if they got any Social Security left at that time.

Mr. Trascher said, it will be there, you got, once Bernie gets President... sorry about that.

Chief Dockery said, that's it, I just kind of wanted to touch base with the Board and see how everyone is feeling, like I said, we will sit down with Moyle and get some figures together for you all so you can chew on it a little bit more. So, am not looking for anything in the immediate future.

Mr. Trascher said, I wish we could go with the part timers right now because that's something that we have to do even if we don't match anything, we need to do that.

Chief Dockery said, yes. That's all I have for that one.

Mr. Trascher said, the biggest thing is the match that we need to resolve right now.

Mr. Lombard asked, is that thing going to blow up? It sounds like my water pump at my house.

Mr. Trascher said, it's just heating up.

Mr. Trascher said, it's making ice.

Mr. Lombard said, making ice? It sounds like it's making up it's mind if it's going to make ice.

Mrs. Blackwell said, if that's it for Deferred Comp, we will move to Bids for Accounting Service, Floyd?

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BIDS FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES – Floyd Trascher

Mr. Trascher said, I guess it's been a number of years since we looked at accounting and from what I am hearing, are we having problems with Moyle?

Chief Dockery said, I think it's a lot of new blood running through there.

Mr. Lombard said, they are having problems with retention.

Chief Little said, yes.

Chief Dockery said, it's tax time and tax time we are always treated like a red headed stepchild. That's been for years. I mean, that's where he makes his money. He's a CPA, it's tax time people are doing taxes. I mean, a lot of retention and we are such a unique entity that..

Mr. Lombard said, that's right, not everybody deals with it.

Mr. Trascher said, at one time, in our contract it said, that they would have a representative come here quarterly.

Chief Dockery said, they will have one come here quarterly but it will cost.

Mrs. Blackwell said, it should be free. We weren't supposed to be paying for it.

Mr. Lombard said, we weren't supposed to be paying for it though.

Mr. Trascher said, that's right, they were suppose to get somebody here so, we may need to look at...

Mr. Lombard said, clarifying the language if we keep them.

Mr. Trascher said, or maybe look at some other firms in the area. I am not, I like Moyle but that was something that they, they did say they would send some body here quarterly.

Mr. Lombard said, that's right.

Chief Dockery said, it never hurts to kind of, test the waters and keep everyone honest.

Chief Little said, we seem to have a problem with emails because, she called me when I sent the AP over on Friday and she didn't get the email from the previous Friday of the AP. So, she had to throw in, I had to resend it to her so that she could do the checks for the AP from the week before she did the ones I sent on Friday

Mr. Lombard said, there's no reason for that, in my opinion.

Mr. Lindsey asked, do you know of any companies that we may contact about a getting a price on it?

Chief Dockery said, there's dozens of CPA's out there. Even the auditor that we have right now, I don't want to say made a statement, made a interest in maybe applying for the position or at least putting in a letter for being the CPA.

Mr. Lindsey said, well, if we aren't happy with the services we have been getting, at least we can look and see what the competition has.

Mr. Trascher said, it can't hurt to ask.

Mr. Lombard said, what's he going to do get mad and say he isn't going to do your business anymore. Say, okay, bye.

Mrs. Blackwell said, we are paying too. I understand he has taxes going on and I understand they pay but, we pay monthly. We shouldn't be put on the back burner.

Mr. Trascher said, we just had a discussion about the truck, donating it to another district. In an attempt to be good stewards of the public's money and be accountable of everything they have given us to dispose of it and I think it's a good idea from time to time to look at other firms and see what the cost of it is.

Mr. Lombard said, but, you didn't vote for that motion. You voted against it.

Mr. Trascher said, I know because, I wanted to see it at least go to bid once and then give it away.

Mr. Tassin said, put it up for fake bid.

Mr. Trascher said, fake bid or whatever, but at least with a bid. You'd have something to show that you are a good stewards of the tax dollars and if Moyle is steadily reducing his services and just from time to time I hear, we didn't get the checks, or they didn't...

Mr. Lombard said, but, every time I come to sign them there's a different issue with them.

Mr. Tassin said, well to not have a budget for the meeting is unacceptable so, I move that we search out for a new firm.

Mr. Lombard said, I second that, too.

Chief Dockery said, I will write something up.

Mr. Trascher said, now, search, you mean that we take bids?

Mr. Tassin said, yes.

Mr. Trascher said, okay, that's what I want.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, so, do we have a resolution or a motion?

Mr. Trascher said, no, we just have a motion that the Chief solicit bids for accounting.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard, you second that motion?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, so, we will vote on that. Mr. Lindsey, how do you vote?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Tassin, how do you vote?

Mr. Tassin said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, Mr. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell said, motion carries.

Mr. Trascher said, Chief, I know you didn't have anything to do so that's why we thought...

Mr. Lombard said, we figured while you were repairing the building and all.

Chief Dockery said, that's not a difficult one.

Mr. Trascher said, I mean, I am sure, let's look at it and see.

Mr. Lombard said, get your information from Moyle before you send out the letter.

Chief Little said, speaking of things to do, I am going to be kind of busy this year. Medicare, the company Novartis, the one that handles Medicare/Medicaid payments, has gone across the nation and chosen the smallest in the world, meaning us, of departments to do a year long study of cost of everything. I think the only thing they didn't ask for is how much we pay for toilet paper but, it's going to be a busy year keeping up with...

Mr. Lombard asked, do they want you to do it or are they coming out here to do it?

Chief Little said, we have to do it.

Mr. Lombard said, why don't you just send them a letter saying we don't have the personnel, you come send a person here to do it.

Chief Little said, well, if we don't do it we automatically lose 10%, of the pennies on the dollar that they pay us now.

Mr. Trascher said, yeah, tell them that Emile.

Mr. Lombard said, well, tell them we are going to see President Trump to see if that's legal.

Chief Little said, we are paid about \$250 of every \$1,000 that we bill them for and we will lose 10%, off the top of that. Matt went to a meeting, it was a general meeting. It wasn't one specifically about this Medicare issue but, basically, with them picking all of the smaller departments, they are looking at ways to cut how much they pay anyway. So, there's a good chance that when this is all over with...

Mr. Lombard said, your going to lose that 10%, anyway.

Chief Little said, we are going to lose money anyway. Losing 10% on top of what we are going to lose anyway is going to make it worse. So, we have to collect data from January 1st through December 31st. They want to know depreciation value of vehicles, buildings, equipment, what we have, what we don't have, how much we spend on medical supplies...

Mr. Lombard said, well shoot, we depreciate everything because we hold it together with gum.

Chief Little said, so, it's going to be a busy year.

Mr. Lombard said, okay, your up to it, I know that.

Mr. Trascher said, that's why we got you.

Chief Little said, it's going to take more than me. Matt's going to have to help because we have to break down payroll, they wanted to know how much this building is utilized by EMS, how much that building is utilized by EMS, breaking down electric bills, phone bills, dispatch fees, everything. It is just absurd.

Mr. Lombard said, that's crazy.

Mr. Lindsey asked, so, are we going to need to hire somebody to assist you with getting all of this documentation?

Chief Little said, Matt, I know Matt is going to be able to help me with payroll because he does payroll and Georgette has always offered to help me with what ever I need. I don't see that we are going to need to hire somebody, it's just going to take...

Mr. Lombard said, a concerted effort.

Chief Little said, a very concerted effort.

Mr. Trascher said, Emile ain't doing anything 2 days a week.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't mind coming.

Mr. Trascher said, I bet you could get some good stuff out of that.

Chief Little said, it's just trying to calculate because they want to know if any vehicle's other than the ambulance's respond, which my truck does, Jacks truck does, the engines do. Mileage put on the vehicles, then they want all the information about that vehicle. Maintenance cost, what's related to EMS, what's not related to EMS.

Mr. Lombard said, we got it.

Mr. Trascher said, it's Government cost justification for what they are paying.

Chief Little said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, or what they are not paying.

Chief Little said, or what they are not because they didn't pick, not one big ambulance corporation that was chosen to do this.

Mr. Trascher said, you don't kick the big boys.

Chief Little said, it's going to affect them too though.

Mr. Lombard said, but, they have a barrage of people that do it though. We only have three of you all and a half of person when he is in here and not on the gulf course.

Chief Little said, I really think that they are hoping that we are going to fail. It's not just us, it's not just Louisiana, this is nation wide.

Mr. Lombard said, it's made for you to fail.

Mr. Trascher said, how long is it going to take them to review all of that nation wide?

Chief Little said, it's going into a computer system so, they probably have some computer genius that, once we put it all in, they will hit a button and it's going to go (wee) and there's your national average.

Mr. Lombard said, it's going to go in there and say, up! You lost 10%.

Chief Little said, the problem is, like the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance, that's the association that goes to bat to trying to help us in getting paid. They send us check occasionally to supplement because we do except Medicare and Medicaid payments. I don't exactly remember where the money comes from but, however they do it, they do it to help. At the meeting that Matt went to they did say they talked to some representative in Mississippi and they haven't even started thinking about how they are going to handle it. So, the whole State of Mississippi hasn't even started to think about how they are going to compile all this information that they have to have. Louisiana Ambulance Alliance has already had a meeting, which we missed because we didn't know about, in January. They are doing meetings every month in reference to this and Mississippi hasn't even started doing anything so, we can bust our butts and do everything we have to do and still lose because somebody else dropped the ball.

Mr. Lindsey asked, and it's strictly to do with Medicaid?

Chief Little said, Medicare and Medicaid. The government base payers.

Mr. Lindsey said, I wonder if they are offering any type of grants to help offset the cost of putting all of this together.

Chief Little said, no.

Mr. Trascher said, that's a good thought.

Mr. Lindsey said, it seems like there would be some type of grant.

Chief Little said, they are looking at giving, we feel that they are looking to reduce the amount

that they are paying now. They are not going to be handing out money to help us collect it to make it better.

Mr. Lindsey said, I don't know, they give away stupid money for dumb stuff. We are talking about the federal government that can't even count votes in a precinct.

Mr. Lombard said, Iowa.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, that's probably, it's got to go in the computer system.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes, and they are going to take all this data from the whole country and process it.

Mr. Trascher said, and you have to have a driver's license/ID, compliant to get on an airplane but to vote with just your face.

Mr. Lombard said, right. That's who I am and where's the affidavit I can sign. Well, you scribble and they say well, I can't understand that name. You don't like my penmanship?

Mr. Lindsey said, my thought is, let us know if for some reason, we have to get some additional help or resources.

Mr. Trascher said, we can put Emile on the phone bank. He will call Medicare and have it straightened out for you in no time.

Mr. Lombard said, I would give them a hard time, I can tell you that.

Mr. Lindsey said, we might should touch base with our representative and see if there's some type of assistance for it. I mean, we can't be the only people that's going to be...

Mr. Trascher said, that has a problem.

Mr. Lombard said, maybe we can get them at a meeting and see.

Chief Little said, we are not the only ones and they picked all of the small rural...

Mr. Lindsey said, maybe we can get a hold on one of our representatives and say, hey, listen this is what we are up against and we don't have the man power for it.

Chief Dockery said, yes, they picked us and LaCombe.

Chief Little said, us and LaCombe.

Mr. Trascher said, they didn't pick Mandeville?

Chief Little said, Mandeville has too much money.

Mr. Trascher asked, so, they don't have to do it?

Chief Little said, they didn't get picked. They didn't pick Mandeville but they picked LaCombe, though.

Mr. Lombard asked, why they didn't pick Mandeville?

Chief Little said, Mandeville has too much money. They have a lot more in their budget than we do.

Mr. Lindsey said, so, they only picked certain people to do this.

Chief Little said, yes, and it was all the smaller, lower income places like us.

Mr. Trascher said, not rural, lower income.

Mr. Lombard said, poor people. Why don't we get our State Reps down here and find out.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what I'm thinking.

Mr. Lombard said, invite them to a meeting. We got issues to discuss with them. What, you got 5 of them in this area?

Mr. Lindsey said, I think it's a good idea.

Chief Little said, the Ambulance Alliance stated that in the media. Like is said, it's nation wide, not just the State of Louisiana. It's not just our general area.

Mr. Trascher said, it wouldn't be the State Representative?

Mr. Lombard said, it would be all of them.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Chief Little said, any State and they picked the smallest departments.

Mr. Lombard said, so, Mandeville don't have to do it but we got to do it.

Chief Little said, we got to do it and LaCombe has to do it.

Mr. Lombard said, Mandeville, Covington, none of them have to do it.

Mr. Trascher said, what if they don't have ambulances.

Mr. Lombard said, I don't care if they don't have an ambulance, they still have Medicare payments.

Chief Little said, no, they don't unless they run an ambulance or not. But, Acadian didn't get hit, none of the big companies got hit, it's all the small, like us.

Mr. Trascher said, to me it sounds like they are fishing. Like, Acadian, when you look at Acadian, their primary business is ambulance. So, all of their building and all are part of the cost. I think they are looking at the smaller departments like us and LaCombe and saying, okay guys, are you really spending this money on providing medical services with the ambulance. That's what I think they are trying to do. They are trying to justify.

Chief Little said, it's supposed to be for reimbursement purposes for them to calculate.

Mr. Trascher said, right.

Chief Little said, they are making it out like they are doing it to benefit us. Like, to see if they are paying enough where, we are looking at it in the sense of them paying less.

Mr. Lombard said, your probably looking at it the right way too.

Mr. Trascher said, yes, like are you all really spending this money.

Mr. Lombard said, get us the Representatives and we will see if we, send them a letter and see if we can get them down here to talk to us about it....

Chief Little said, they not going to do that. The person that handles the Medicare/Medicaid, the company that handles the Medicare/Medicaid, I can't even get the lady to call me back.

Mr. Lindsey said, no, we are talking about the State Reps. The people you vote in.

Mr. Lombard said, the people we got to vote for.

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mr. Lombard said, well, we can't make it this month. Okay, when the election comes up, we won't be available for you.

Chief Little said, I don't know if the State Reps would be able to do anything since it's Federal.

Mr. Trascher said, it would have to be the State, your Federal Senators and Representatives.

Mr. Lombard said, bring them all here, shit. If you don't tell them you need them. Send them a registered letter and let them sign for it and you get it back and if they say they didn't know about it, well somebody in your office signed for it.

Mr. Lindsey said, all they can do is say no, we can't help you.

Mr. Lombard said, let them say that.

Mr. Lindsey said, that's what they get paid for, to look into issues.

Mr. Lombard said, when they come up to vote, I can't help you.

Mr. Trascher said, we can get Cedric Richmond, out of New Orleans.

Mr. Lombard said, why not, go black you never go back. You might have a black one here.

Mr. Trascher said, how about we adjourn before we get into trouble.

Mr. Lombard said, so moved.

Mrs. Blackwell said, do we have a second?

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

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

Mr. Lindsey said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Tassin?

Mr. Tassin said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, Mr. Lombard?

Mr. Lombard said, yes.

Mrs. Blackwell asked, MR. Trascher?

Mr. Trascher said, yes.