

**The Joint Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Oct 23rd, 2024**

A. Call to Order – meeting called to order by Fessler, 6:30pm

B. Roll Call: Present: Hess, Fessler, Gray, Stull, Gross **Absent:** Gross

C. Public Participation None

D. Approval and Signing of Minutes:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting on Sep 25th, 2024, be approved as received from the clerk.

Moved by Stull Seconded by Hess
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

E. Clerk Report

Accept the financial report and as presented by the clerk. Approval to pay bills as presented.

Moved by Fessler Seconded by Stull
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

F. Approval of 2025 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources and 2024 Tax Rates Levied

Accept the 2025 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources and the 2024 Miami County certified rates of tax to be levied as presented by the clerk.

Moved by Fessler Seconded by Gray
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

G. EMS Reports

- 30 Calls (2 Mutual Aid In - No Coverage, 2 Mutual Aid out to Union Township)
- 3 new employee applications received

H. Fire Reports

- 10 Calls – 4 MVA, 2 Combine fires – one in P Hill / one in Ludlow, 1 field fire
- 1 mutual aid out (assist), 1 mutual aid in (assist)

I. Other Business / Action Items

It is recommended by the chief to approve payment for attending the FDIC conference – training and trade show. Total shall not to exceed \$4,000. This conference has been attended the last several years and includes training.

Moved by Fessler Seconded by Gray
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

It is recommended by the chief to approve the purchase of a 2021 truck, not to exceed \$37,000. This truck purchase is offset by the sale of the Rescue Truck earlier this year.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Hess
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

It is recommended by the chief to approve the purchase of the Cascade Air System not to exceed \$65,000. \$20,000 in grant money received from the Miami County Foundation and Covington Eagles needs to be used towards this purchase. Otherwise, the grant money would need returned as it is earmarked for a cascade system.

Moved by Hess Seconded by Fessler
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

It is recommended by the EMS Chief that work from home/respond from home be allowed if located within the JFD jurisdiction. They will also be paid at the regular rate.

Moved by Fessler Seconded by Hess
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

It is recommended by the EMS Chief that the Overtime Rate be paid for all federal holidays. It is also recommended that the Overtime pay rate be offered to employees as an incentive to cover open shifts at the discretion of the EMS chief when having issues filling shifts.

Moved by Stull Seconded by Gray
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Fessler, 2nd by Gray. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Time: Passed

Approval of Minutes:

