

INDEPENDENCE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 15, 2026 5:30 PM

- I. Meeting was brought to order at 5:30 p.m. *Present:*
Commissioners J. Connaughton, J. Sharer, A. Broch; Chief J. Cappello, Asst. Chief M. Cappello and Secretary J. Odum
J. Connaughton led the flag salute
- II. Public Comment.
At this time, any member of the public may make comments during this scheduled period, but no action will be taken.
There was no public comment.
- III. Discussion Items
 - a. Fire Chief – The Chief still has a 20# restriction, can do paperwork, etc. Fireworks are ready, approximate cost is \$19,000. The Chief met with Carl Dahlberg (Tribal Chairman Fort Independence Tribe) last week, he presented the District with a donation of \$10,000. The Chief wants to budget that money for radios, tools, etc. for the new truck.
 - b. Asst. Chief- Since January 1, 2026 to now, there have been 75 EMS calls and 19 fire calls.
 - c. Other discussion – Commissioner Connaughton inquired if we had had the DWP meter tested for accuracy. We have not.
 - d. Budget Report – J. Odum

Fund Balance as of May 31, 2026

Fire District Fund 8320:	\$327,211
Ambulance Fund 8323:	\$113,372
ACO Fund 8321:	\$ 46,710

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Wildland Fund 8324: \$198,165

The 2026-2027 budget will come before the Commissioners at another meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from March 23, 2026

Approve expenditures (rounded)for March, 2026 in the amount of \$20,579 (Operating), \$671(Ambulance) and \$-0- (Wildland)

Significant expenditures for March, 2026 Operating budget:
\$12,160 L.N. Curtis (jackets & helmets VFA grant), \$968
Elevated Mobil Repair(#2228 air cooler hose; \$1,932 DWP

Significant expenditures for March, 2026 Ambulance budget: No
significant expenditures

Significant expenditures for March, 2026 Wildland budget: No
significant expenditures

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:
March, 2026 \$175,000 operating transfer from ACO budget for
down payment new type 3 truck

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:
March, 2026 \$1,756 Ambulance billings, \$7,500 subsidy from
County.

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:
March, 2026 \$15,245 Pack Fire

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Approve expenditures (rounded)for April, 2026 in the amount of \$55,876 (Operating), \$839 (Ambulance), \$-0- (wildland)

Significant expenditures for April, 2026 Operating budget: \$7,531 Workers comp; \$884 Unemployment; \$4,000 Training from E. Ivey;

Significant expenditures for April, 2026 Ambulance budget: \$649 Fuel

Significant expenditures for April, 2026 Wildland budget:
No significant expenditures

Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:
April, 2026 \$123 taxes, \$\$20,791 Maddy Grant

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:
April, 2026 \$10,638 Ambulance billings

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:
April, 2026 \$-0-

Approve expenditures (rounded)for May, 2026 in the amount of \$7,446 (Operating), \$2,428(Ambulance) and \$-0- (Wildland)

Significant expenditures for May, 2026 Operating budget: \$2,352 L.N. Curtis (boots VFA grant,), \$575 DWP

Significant expenditures for May, 2026 Ambulance budget: \$1,050 Life Assist9supplies); \$453 MFI Medical (AED batteries), \$772 Fuel

Significant expenditures for May, 2026 Wildland budget: No expenditures

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Revenue received in Independence Fire Operating:
May, 2026 \$121,792 taxes

Revenue received in Independence Fire Ambulance:
May, 2026 \$3,999 Ambulance billings

Revenue received in Independence Wildland:
May, 2026 \$-0-

Motioned by: A. Broch Seconded: J. Sharer
Ayes: -3- Noes: -0- Motion passed: Yes

- V. Approve the Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Community First National Bank (Community Leasing Partners is a division of Community First National Bank and is the marketing, origination and placement agent for the bank) for the purchase of one (1) Type 3 Model 34 Fire Apparatus as approved at the February 10, 2026 meeting, and authorize the Chief, Asst. Chief, Secretary or Commissioner to fill in and sign any needed documents; and approve and authorize 10 yearly payments in the amount of \$55,708.92 beginning December 1, 2026, with the last payment being on December 1, 2035; to be paid from Independence Fire Operating budget 832001, Object Code 5553 Interest on Notes & 5561 Principal on Notes Payable per the payment schedule (Attachment 2) of the Agreement for a total of \$557,089.20 contingent upon adoption of the 2026-2027 and future budgets.

Motioned by: A. Broch Seconded: J. Sharer
Ayes: -3- Noes: -0- Motion passed: Yes

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VI. **AMEND** the 2025-2026 Independence Operating budget 832001 as follows: Increase Revenue in Object Code 4001 Current Secured Taxes by \$24,735 recognizing revenue received but not budgeted **AND** increase expenses in Object Code 5012 Part time by \$16,408, Object Code 5021 Retire & Social by \$1,315, Object Code 5112 Personal & Safety by \$627, Object 5152 Workers Comp by \$4,368, Object Code 5154 Unemployment by \$1,135 and Object Code 5331 Travel by \$882. These changes will clear up negative object codes.

Motioned by: J. Sharer

Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0-

Motion passed: Yes

VII. **AMEND** the 2025-2026 Independence Ambulance budget 832301 as follows: Increase Revenue in Object Code 4301 Interest by \$3,916, Object Code 4599 Other Agency by \$2,500, Object Code 4816 Ambulance by \$4,415 recognizing revenue received but not budgeted, **and** decrease Revenue in Object Code 4901 Prior Year Revenue by \$5,862; **AND** increase expenses in Object Code 5012 Part time by \$5,120, Object Code 5021 Retire & Social by \$392, Object Code 5352 Fuel by \$182; **and** decrease expense in Object Code 5112 by \$725. These changes will clear up negative object codes.

Motioned by: A. Broch

Seconded: J. Sharer

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0-

Motion passed: Yes

VIII. **AMEND** the 2025-2026 Independence Fire Wildland Budget as follows: Increase revenue in Object Code 4499 State Other by \$6,530, **and** Increase expense in Object Code 5012 Part Time Employee by \$5,562, Object Code 5021 Retire & Social by \$426, and Object Code 5112 Personal & Safety by \$542.

These changes will clear up negative object codes.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0-

Motion passed: Yes

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IX. Set day & time for next meeting. July 13, 2026

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes

X. Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Motioned by: J. Connaughton Seconded: A. Broch

Ayes:-3- Noes:-0- Motion passed: Yes