

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Jason Ekis at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jason Ekis, Clifford Grindel, Brian Laybourne, Ken Wilson, and Ryan Larson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 25, 2025 regular meeting were approved with no changes and without objection.

The minutes of the November 25, 2025 closed meeting were approved with no changes and without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for November 2025 will be filed for audit with no changes and without objection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Cline provided the Chief's report.

In November there was 1 fire incident, 91 medical emergencies, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 2 hazardous conditions, 12 service calls, 9 good intent, 9 false alarms. Total of 132 runs for the month.

Community risk reduction. 5 PR events, 1 inspection, total of 5 plan reviews, and 8 permits issued.

Training. Personnel completed 140.75 hours of training.

Maintenance. Only ongoing issue is an electrical issue at Station #3. May have been related to the solar panels, but don't know for sure. The station ran fine on generator for about 18 hours.

Also, one of the overhead doors doesn't function, so Overhead Door will be out to look at it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

Chief Cline requests approval of the recommended adjustments and answers questions from the Board.

J. Ekis makes a motion to approve the adjustments to the 2025 Operating Budget. K. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET

Chief Cline provides information.

J. Ekis makes a motion to approve the adjustments to the 2025 Capital Improvement Fund Budget. C. Grindel seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Chief Cline provides that it is the same as last month with the addition of funding for ladder truck maintenance, and answers questions from the Board.

J. Ekis makes a motion to approve the 2026 Operating Budget. C. Grindel seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET

Chief Cline provides information including Station #2 flooring and ladder truck equipment cost estimates.

J. Ekis makes a motion to approve the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget. R. Larson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2026 DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET

Chief Cline provides information and discussion is had regarding upcoming hearing in Clay County regarding the Senior Tax Credit.

C. Grindel makes a motion to accept the proposed Bond Tax Levy Debt Service Account Budget. K. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2026 RESERVE FUND BUDGET

Chief Cline presents information and has no recommendations for transfers at this time.

J. Ekis makes a motion to accept the proposed Bond Tax Levy Debt Service Account Budget. R. Larson seconded. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:22 p.m., J. Ekis made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by the State of Missouri Sunshine Law 610.021 (1) Legal and (3) Personnel. C. Grindel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: J. Ekis, yes; C. Grindel, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. R. Larson, yes; K. Wilson, yes; Motion carried.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

At 7:27 p.m., J. Ekis calls meeting back to order.

Chief Cline relays the message that the ladder truck is to arrive in 10 to 14 days.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED:

J. Ekis made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by R. Larson. Roll call vote: K. Wilson, yes. B. Laybourne, yes. C. Grindel, yes. R. Larson, yes. J. Ekis, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

/s/ Liebe Stevenson

LIEBE STEVENSON, C.C.R #1340

The meeting minutes were written by Liebe Stevenson, under the authority of the Board of Directors. These minutes are not official until read, approved and signed by a member of the Board.

Ryan Larson, Secretary

Date