

## Commission Board Meeting - January 20

### Meeting Purpose

Review financials, operational readiness, and long-term apparatus strategy.

### Key Takeaways

- Financial Health: A \$600k transfer to the LGIP fund boosted reserves. The 2025 calendar year revenue hit \$1.5M, including new millage funds.
- Apparatus Strategy: The board informally agreed to sell the 2017 Pierce pumper for ~\$425k to fund a Seagrave pumper refurb, contingent on a successful repair.
- Operational Readiness: A comprehensive winter storm plan is active, including backup generators, skid steers, and food supplies for a potential multi-day event.
- Staffing & Station 46: Hiring three new engineers will enable 24/7 staffing of the tanker at Station 46, providing a dedicated crew and apparatus to support the new Utility 50 QRV.

### Topics

#### Financials

- Operating Fund: \$659,537.49
- LGIP Fund: \$35,151.29 (before transfer)
  - \$17,533 restricted for savings; \$17,496.77 unrestricted.
  - A \$600k wire transfer to LGIP was completed today.
  - The annual ~\$40k reserve fund allotment will be added and locked.
- Revenue:
  - FYTD (since July 1): \$1,043,382.93
  - CY 2025: \$1,515,208.18 (includes 3 months of new millage revenue)
- Expenditures:
  - Turnout Gear: \$3,846 (our 50% share) for two sets.
  - FEMA Reimbursement: \$12,500 received.

- Engine 3 Sale: \$60,000. The sale yielded a 400% return on the grant-funded truck. The buyer took the old hose, fulfilling an AFG grant requirement to remove it from service.

## Apparatus & Equipment Updates

- 2017 Pierce Enforcer (Squad):
  - Problem: Most unreliable apparatus.
  - Cost: \$62,298 in out-of-warranty repairs since 2022.
  - Availability: In-service only 8–9 months/year, despite a ~\$60k annual payment.
  - Current Status: Out of service for a suspected turbo failure. A pressure test was requested from Carolina International to check for a blown head gasket, but no update has been received.
- Seagrave Pumper Refurbishment:
  - Proposal: A \$345,000 quote from Seagrave (Rock Hill) to refurbish one pumper.
  - Scope: Full exterior/interior refresh, pump rebuild, and a \$100k allowance for a Caterpillar engine rebuild.
  - Timeline: ~12-month total turnaround.
    - Mechanical: Can start immediately.
    - Body/Paint: Starts in 8–9 months, as Seagrave prioritizes a large contract for Washington D.C. tillers.
- Brush Truck:
  - Skid: Original skid from Gowensville is being refurbished.
  - New Components: A new North Star motor (~\$450) and pump (~\$650) were purchased for under \$1,200 total, replacing worn parts.
  - Timeline: Leaves Thursday for lettering (Speed Pro), then lights/winch (Tri-County). Expected in-service by Feb 1.
- Rescue Truck:

- Refurbishment: Leaves Feb 9 for a 6–8 month refurb at the Ashland, AL facility.
- ATV Skid: The new skid is in Alabama. It will be picked up during the Rescue drop-off to save on freight costs.
- CAF System: The previously donated system was recovered from Duncan and will be reinstalled on the Rescue.

#### Staffing & Station 46

- New Engineers: Hiring three new engineers to enable 24/7 staffing of the tanker.
  - Staffing Model: 3 on engine, 1 on tanker.
  - Tanker Role: Responds out-of-district or as a manpower multiplier on local calls once water supply is established.
- Station 46 (Holston Creek):
  - Apparatus: Will house the tanker and the Rescue truck (post-refurb).
  - Utility 50 QRV: The new medical QRV is now operational.
    - Contract: Approved. We provide the station, a Tahoe, and 50% of payroll. Inman Community covers retirement, med control (\$7k/yr), and supplies.
    - Protocols: Inman Community uses PRISMA COGs for greater skill availability (e.g., CPAP, albuterol) than Spartanburg County EMS allowed when the program started.

#### Winter Storm Preparedness

- Equipment:
  - Generators: Renting two trailer generators for backup power.
  - Tractors/Skid Steers: Available for road clearing.
  - Side-by-Side: Held back from graphics work for potential ice/snow response.
  - Winch Bags: All trucks with winches now have a complete kit (strap, kinetic rope, block).
- Supplies:
  - Ice Melt: Pallet of granular, 25 gallons of liquid.

- Food: Meals for five people for one week.
  - Fuel: Propane tank fill requested.
- Communications: Starlink internet activated as a backup.
- External Support: DOT will pre-brine fire department pads.

#### Next Steps

- Chief:
  - Get a final price quote for a permanent 3-phase generator for Station 46.
  - Present the final Seagrave refurbishment contract at the next board meeting.
  - Publish the new 5:00 PM meeting time in the newspaper.
- Board:
  - Formally vote on the Seagrave refurbishment contract at the next meeting.

#### Action Items

- Transfer FY reserve allotment to LGIP; lock reserve.
- Obtain Station 2 generator quotes; review finances; report to board next week.
- Get final Seagrave refurb contract; present to board next meeting.
- Publish notice in newspaper re: 5 pm board meetings starting February