

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District  
Thursday, Aug 21, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Chair. Cole at 7:00 PM.

Commissions present were Chair. Cole and Comms. Lockwood, Kolesar, and Jackson. Others present were AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy, Treas. Green. Sec. Snyder called into the meeting. Chief Hanney and Assistant Chief Obrien also attended the meeting.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Sec. Snyder.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Jackson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated by the Secretary. MC.

Hearing Of the Public – Nothing to report.

Communications that were received for the month were read and a list of these communications will be placed on file.

Bills For The Month – MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to pay the bills listed on Abstract 07-25 Claim #s 158 thru 181 as submitted by Treas. Green. Question about claim number 159, will look into. MC.

Treasurer's Report – Treas. Green submitted the Treasurer's Report and a copy is placed on file. Attached to the Treasurer's Report were Bank Balances and Bank Interest by fund, Balance Sheet, and Profit & Loss Sheet. MM Comm. Jackson MS Comm. Lockwood to approve Treas. Report DTR 07-25. MC. Treas. Green went over the budget again for 2026, small adjustments will be made with the new numbers coming in and will get a revised budget to the board for review. Comm. Jackson reported that we have 30,000.00 in a pager reserve account (a2224) we will not need and can use towards something else.

Chiefs Report – Chief Hanney submitted the Chiefs Report and a copy is placed on file. Chief Hanney went over the Chiefs Report in its entirety.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Chair. Cole reported that the gauges and light stick have been repaired on R-51 and that there is a broken front spring on 123, will replace both as recommended by the mechanic.

Equipment Purchase –Nothing to report.

Communications – Assistant Chief Obrien reported we have 2 pagers that are out for repair along with 2 Icom radios also out for repair. U-68 radio has been reprogrammed and is going to be installed soon. Finally he reported on the end of life for 46.26, our ops 1 is

operational and a final test will take place on Friday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, if all goes well the board approved the final shut off of 46.26 to occur after September 1 2025.

Cell Phone Communications – Nothing to report.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy reported that there has been no movement by CEC in regards to pending lease agreement, Comm. Jackson requested to go into executive session later in the meeting to discuss. Discussion on a bill/physicals from Dr. Raj Attny McCarthy will handle.

Insurance – AOM Gilbert and Sec Snyder reported on our accident and sickness program and crime policy, after discussion MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to increase our accidental death benefit from 10k to 20k MC. MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm Lockwood to increase our crime policy to the recommended changes MC. AOM Gilbert reported that we have several members who have not made their point in the LOSAP Program these individuals are FF's R. Porter, J. Harbolic, M. Velardo, A. Wessells and P. Wisker. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Lockwood to remove the 5 FF's from the LOSAP program MC.

Health And Safety – Nothing to report.

SOGS / Policies – Nothing to report.

Web Site – AOM Gilbert reported that the website is up to date however having issues with the current company complying with our requests, other companies have been contacted to get information on how their websites run.

Physical Exams – Nothing to report.

Hydrant – Comm Lockwood will be reaching out to set up a meeting.

Building – Comm. Jackson reported the company at the last meeting approved the building to be painted. Comm. Lockwood stated that the company is supposed to show the board what repairs are done at the end of the year and where the money allotted to the building is and went.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Jackson, MS. Comm Kolesar to purchase 4 sets of turn out gear as requested in the chiefs report MC. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to purchase the brush fire equipment requested in the chiefs report MC. Chair Cole asked the Chief to look into Chaps for the FF's to use when operating chain saws. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to pay 2 medical bills for 524.97 and 167.28 which were from

a active firefighter physical MC. Chair Cole reported that the Engine room lights are on hold while we await Zulla Electric. Chair Cole reported that he is working on getting ahold of Con-Ed to see about a demand meter in regards to the siren. Chair Cole asked Chief Hanney how u-68 was going to be used if it was going to be used for EMS alarms or what it will be used for, Chief Hanney told Chair Cole that he wants to keep the Engine on the EMS assignments due to ladders and tools incase of a force entry we are not aware of.

New Business – Assistant Chief Obrien asked what we do with individuals who are non-citizens wanting to be members, the board told the AC that they can not be members because we can not do any form of background checks. Chair Cole reported that all is done on the apparatus minus the possibility of putting a top over on the back of it to protect equipment in the bed, Chairman and Chief will look into. Chair Cole asked the treasurer where the money will come from to repair 123, the treasurer stated it can come out of the repair account. Chair Cole talked about turning off the fire phone, Sec Snyder will look into seeing if anyone uses it. Chair Cole reported the got quotes on lights for R-51 after discussion will hold off till next month to discuss.

MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm. Lockwood to enter into executive session to discuss the lease with Cortlandt Engine Company at 8:10pm, Discussions held regarding the lease  
MM Comm Kolesar, MS. Comm Lockwood to end the executive session at 8:34pm.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Gilbert  
AOM. Bd. Fire Comm.  
Montrose Fire District