

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District
Thursday, October 23, 2025**

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

Commissions present were Chair. Cole and Comm. Lockwood, Kolesar, Kelly and Jackson. Others present were AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy, Treas. Green and Chiefs Hanney and Obrien. Sec. Snyder called into the meeting.

Moment of silence held in honor of deceased member Charles McGuire.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Comm. Kolesar.

MM Comm. Lockwood, MS Comm. Kelly to enter into executive session to discuss the lease with Cortlandt Engine Company MC @ 7:03pm. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Kelly to exit executive session @ 7:33pm.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood 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. Jackson MS Comm. Lockwood to pay the bills listed on Abstract 09-25 Claim #s 206 thru 233 as submitted by Treas. Green. 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. Kelly MS Comm. Jackson to approve Treas. Report DTR 09-25. MC. Chair Cole reported that there is a possibility that we will need to purchase all new air tanks next year, discussion followed. Will look into different grants and options, Treas. Green reported that its possible if some money is left over in the current budget to purchase some this year. No action was taken.

Chiefs Report – Chief Hanney submitted the Chiefs Report, and a copy is placed on file. Chief Hanney went over his report in its entirety. Comm. Jackson reported there is a member using red lights and sirens he told Chief Hanney to instruct the individual to end that immediately. Chair Cole questioned Chief Hanney about Monday night trainings and the lack of them and attendance, Chief Hanney reported that he will look into it however he has told the captain to put together a quarterly training scheduled as requested by a number of people however it has not been done. Discussion followed, Chair Cole told Chief Hanney to address this ASAP and bypass the captain if needed. Chair Cole asked if the portable pump was back in service, Chief Hanney will make sure It gets tested and put back in service after a inhouse repair asap. Chair Cole asked for the Chiefs to remind

members with the cold weather coming up to ensure the bay doors are closed, AC Obrien asked the board if we can look into light sensors for the engine room to help conserve energy there as well.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Chair. Cole reported that LT8 will be going up to HVFE on November 5th for an oil leak and PM work, Engine 122 has a leak from the tank to pump.

Equipment Purchase –Nothing to report.

Communications – Comm. Jackson reported the fire 10 on U-68 is awaiting paperwork from Motorola still. Comm. Jackson also reported that the county is changing all the trunk radios and equipment on November 10th.

Cell Phone Communications – Nothing to report.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy reported that he has spoken to Dr. Raj and an email was sent from Dr. Raj to Optum asking them to get us a contract. Dr. Raj would like to meet with the board to go over the physicals, we will try for November.

Insurance – Nothing to report.

Health And Safety – FF Jody Carroll reported to the board that we have a manpower issue during the day with FF's and drivers, a lengthy discussion was held about ways to resolve will start with a Active Men's meeting. Chair Cole asked the chiefs to ramp up driver training, Chief Hanney said he will make sure that happens.

SOGS / Policies – Nothing to report.

Web Site – Report given by AOM Gilbert in reference to the status of our website and the possibility of changing companies. References were shown, after discussion MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to use Firehouse Solutions as our new website company MC.

Physical Exams – Chief Obrien reported that physicals with TEK are coming up.

Hydrant – Nothing to report.

Building – Nothing to report.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to purchase a new 4 gas meter as requested in the chiefs report MC. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Lockwood to purchase the streamlight batteries as requested in the chiefs report MC. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Jackson to sign the flushing bank documents for the service award program MC. MM. Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Lockwood to sign the nationwide annuity paperwork for the service award program MC. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Lockwood to sign the hometown paperwork in reference to the passing of Charles McGuire MC. MM Comm. Lockwood, MS Comm. Kelly to approve the 2026 budget MC. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Lockwood to pay the medical bills for FF Mejia’s physical MC. Chair Cole asked the chief to bring 123 over to some of our tight roads to make sure it will fit, Chief Hanney will handle.

New Business – MM Comm. Kelly, MS Comm. Lockwood for the Secretary to publish the notice of the Annual Election in the proper and timely fashion and to appoint the Board of Electors for the said election and the Chiefs election. Board to consist of Fran Frye, Leroy Garrabrandt and William Flynn each to be compensated 70.00 per election MC. Chair Cole brought up about possibly swapping the new apparatus being built, discussion followed no actions was taken.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Gilbert
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