

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District  
Thursday, Feb 19, 2026**

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

Commissions present were Chair. Lockwood and Comm. Kolesar and Cole. Others present were AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy, Comm. Kelly (via phone), Sec Snyder (via phone) and Chiefs Gilleo and O'Brien.

Pledge to the Flag was led by AC Gilleo.

MM Comm. Cole MS Comm. Kolesar 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. Cole to pay the bills listed on Abstract 01-26 Claim #s 1 thru 23 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. Kolesar MS Comm. Cole to approve Treas. Report DTR 01-26. MC. AOM Gilbert read off the report from Treas. Green.

Chiefs Report – Assistant Chief Gilleo submitted the Chiefs Report and a copy is placed on file. Assistant Chief Gilleo went over his report in its entirety.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – AC Gilleo reported that his car went in for service at American Cycle. Comm. Cole reported that the code on U-68 has to do with the fuel cap, will try and tighten down if not it is under warranty and we will get it repaired.

Equipment Purchase – Nothing to report.

Communications – Nothing to report.

Cell Phone Communications – Nothing to report.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy reported that we received the Furnace Dock Fire Protection District contract with the Town of Cortlandt it is the same contract as last year and recommends that the board sign the contract. He also stated that we will look at a possibly increase in 2027. Atty. McCarthy also received the contract with Optum for the physicals, he stated it's a pretty straight forward 1 year contract however we should talk about the financial piece of the contract a lengthy discussion was held, after discussion AOM Gilbert will reach out with Dr. Raj to try and cut the cost in half per FF. In addition, 2 commissioners will meet with Dr. Raj to discuss what the board is looking for him to do for the district. Attny McCarthy requested that after new business the board go into executive session to discuss the lease with Cortlandt Engine Company.

Insurance – Nothing to report.

Health And Safety – Comm. Kolesar said the drivers need to use the siren properly, he cited a recent incident where the siren was not used properly. Comm. Kolesar asked AC Gilleo to address this with the driver.

SOGS / Policies – Nothing to report.

Web Site – AC Obrien went over new forms that are now on the website for Apparatus Maint. Logs, Occurrence reports and Apparatus Run Sheets. He spoke briefly on new ideas forthcoming.

Physical Exams – Discussed under legal.

Hydrant – Chair Lockwood reported that he heard back from MID and they will be sending the photos to the Town of Cortlandt Water Department to handle.

Building – Nothing to report.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to approve all items requested on the chief's report MC. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to approve he subscription renewal with the FCC in the amount of 119.00 MC. MM. Comm. Cole, MS Comm Kolesar to approve the 26-27 Cancer Policy renewal in the amount of 4,172.00 MC. Discussion held on the SOG revision regarding bailout that was submitted by the firematic officers, Comm. Cole had a question on how they determine when someone is good to jump or not jump discussion held, after discussion MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to send back to the officers to make the recommended changes MC. Discussion held on the new SOG regarding Alarm Response, Comm. Kelly asked why the Captain of Cortlandt Engine Company is not doing what is covered in this proposed SOG, Comm. Kolesar stated he thinks it contradicts the Cortlandt Engine Company policies and Sec. Snyder believes the board should not have a policy that counters the policy set forth by the Cortlandt Engine Company after further discussion MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm Kolesar to table this till next month. Comm. Cole reported that the tool boxes for U-68 is still progress. Comm.

Cole asked the chiefs if there was any update on the state chiefs show, no update was given. Comm. Cole will follow up with Chief Hanney. Comm. Cole said we should maybe look into doing FDIC in 2027. Chair Lockwood reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance requests that the 46.26 radios be surplus. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole that the radios be surplus. MC. Chair Lockwood reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance requests the use of apparatus for the upcoming EVOG Course which we are hosting, MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole MC. Chair Lockwood reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance reported that he is still waiting on sizes for sweatshirts after some discussion. Comm. Cole request that we hold off and bring up next month. Chair Lockwood reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance requests that we look into getting a cart for the fire scene, after discussion the board thought it was not needed. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to sign the Furnace Dock Fire Protection Agreement for the year of 2026 MC.

New Business – Comm Cole reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance requests to purchase adult pads (6), pediatric pads(3), batteries (3) for the AED's at a total of 1,080.00. MM Comm Cole, MS Comm Kolesar MC. Comm Cole reported that Comm. Jackson who could not be in attendance requests to purchase 3 new AED's for the chiefs cars and 2 new AED's for the building, after discussion the board will hold off on voting to gather more information. Comm. Cole reported that Zulla Electric will be coming to take a look at a DFI outlet in the cage and a few that are not working in the engine room.

MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to enter executive session regarding the lease with Cortlandt Engine Company at 8:17pm MC. Discussion held, after discussion MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to come out of executive session at 8:33pm MC

MM Comm. Cole MS Comm. Kolesar to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Gilbert  
Aom Board of Fire Commissioners  
Montrose Fire District