

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
AS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE BELVIDERE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Michael J. Phillips, John Hunter & Carlos Villareal appeared in person in the Meeting room. No Commissioner appeared through electronic means. Also present was the Police Chief, and Police Detective Sergeant Michael Ball. There were no members of the public present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVING OF THE MINUTES:** None presented

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

*A. Bills Payable.*

The Board first considered an Invoice from Physicians Immediate Care in the amount of \$390.00 for Account #42272 for the administration of two Drug Screen tests and a Medical Examination to Candidates. Commissioner Phillips verbally made a Motion To Approve Said invoice As Presented. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded that Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the results as follows:

Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Commissioner Phillips	Aye

Commissioner Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Invoice was approved for payment.

*B. Police Chief's Report.* The Police Chief stated that he had no written or verbal report to present tonight.

*C. Fire Chief's Report.* The Fire Chief was not present at this Meeting because there were no Fire Department Agenda Items. Thus, no written or verbal Fire Chief Report was presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*A. Police – E. Police.* The Police Chief requested that the Board continue Agenda Items A through E to the next Board Meeting as the Police Department was working on a personnel matter for the Board's consideration tonight and thus those Agenda Items are not ready for the Board's consideration. Motion By Commissioner Hunter made a verbal Motion To Postpone

Agenda Items A through E to the Board's next Meeting. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded that Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Commissioner Hunter declared the Motion as Passed on a 3 – 0 Roll Call Vote and Agenda Items A through E are hereby continued to the Board's next Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Commissioner Phillips verbally made, and Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded, a Motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee as permitted by Section 2(C)(1) of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, as amended. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Commissioner Hunter declared the Motion as Passed on a 3 – 0 Roll Call Vote and the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:02 PM. The Board returned to Public Session at about 6:27 P.M. after the End of the Executive Session.

The Board then considered a written opinion from the Board's attorney stating that it was her opinion that the Board could take a vote on the personnel matter as discussed in Executive Session without that Motion being expressly listed on the written Agenda for this Meeting and that such Motion and Vote thereon did not violate the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Phillips then declined to make such a Motion. Commissioner Hunter made a Motion To Consent to the Police Chief terminating Probationary Police Officer Jonathan Hernandez. Commissioner Villareal verbally seconded that Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Commissioner Hunter declared the Motion as Passed on a 3 – 0 Roll Call Vote and the Board hereby consents to the Police Chief terminating Probationary Police Officer Jonathan Hernandez.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. Commissioner Hunter verbally seconded the Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Villareal	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Commissioner Hunter declared the Motion To Adjourn as Passed on a 3 to 0 Roll Call Vote. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Phillips

Michael J. Phillips, Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Board on September 26, 2023.