

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 26, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the York County Fire Training Center at 6:30 PM.

Notices of the meeting were forwarded to the members of the Board, the sixteen rural fire departments, and to the members of the media. Notices were also forwarded to individuals who had requested copies, and a copy was posted on the bulletin board at the York County Fire Training Center.

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Steve Skinnell.

Members of several fire departments were present.
Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, and Anna Moore.

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Frank Duncan opened the meeting with prayer.

Persons not on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

No one asked to appear before the board.

Reading of the Minutes: **David Hord, Chairman**

Minutes of March 22, 2012, meeting was approved as written by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Tommy Carroll and all voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report: **Steve Skinnell, Chairman**

A copy of the up-to-date finance report was provided to each member.
A request to reduce the 2012-2013 budget by \$294,000.00 was discussed and it was determined that \$249,000.00 be taken from the 1211-42240-720 Building and Fixed Equipment account, leaving \$11,000.00 requested, and that \$45,000.00 be taken from the 1211-42240-690 Specialized Departmental Supplies account.
A motion from Larry Williams to accept the revised budget, with a second from Frank Duncan. All voted in favor of the motion.
It was also discussed that a meeting with the County Council on May 9th to present the budget will be attended by Tommy Carroll and Melvin Abernethy, with Rickey Wilson from Fire Safety.

Equipment Committee Report: **Bill Dunlap, Chairman**

Bids came back on the Bullocks Creek grass truck chassis. Keeter Ford was low bid of \$36,092.00. It met all the specifications required. A motion from the Equipment Committee to recommend to the County Council to accept the low bid from Keeter Ford. All were in favor of the motion

Accident Review Committee: **Larry Williams, Chairman**

Two (2) accidents were reviewed and the following recommendations from the accident review committee are as follows:

- (1) 03/22/2012 SHARON GRASS 1, OPERATOR, JERRY BRADHAM.**
V/S TREE STUMP THE COMMITTEE DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS A NO-FAULT ACCIDENT AND RECOMMENDS THAT NO FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY. ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD COVER THE EXPENSE TO REPLACE THE DAMAGED WHEEL RIM. NOTE: OLIVER DOWDLE DID NOT VOTE ON THIS MATTER.

(2) 04/09/2012 LESSLIE GRASS 1, OPERATOR, BERT WILLIAMS V/S PRIVATE VEHICLE
THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE SCHP REPORT THAT THIS WAS AN AT-FAULT ACCIDENT FOR THE OPERATOR AND RECOMMENDED TO FOLLOW "FIRST OFFENCE" GUIDELINES OF AN AT-FAULT ACCIDENT WHICH IS TO BE:

RETAKING THE DRIVER REFRESHER
DRIVER WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED TILL THE RECOMMENDATION IS COMPLETED.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF APPROVED, WILL STILL REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE CHIEF APPROVAL OF DRIVING STATUS ONCE RECOMMENDATIONS NOTED ARE COMPLETED.

THE QUESTION WAS, DIDN'T ALL DEPARTMENTS PAY FOR DAMAGES EVEN IF IT IS DETERMINED THE DRIVER WAS NOT A FAULT.

IS THIS A RESULT OF THE NEW POLICY PASSED AND DOES IT CHANGE PREVIOUS POLICY?

IT WILL BE RESEARCHED AND INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations from the committee.
In favor of the motion: Larry Williams, Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Frank Duncan, and Carl Faulk.
Against the motion: Bill Dunlap, Kenny Gilfillan.
Motion passed.

Training Center Committee:

Assistant County Manager Anna Moore gave a report that a PO has been issued to an architect for the following:
To access the other sites to determine which will be the best site suited for the fire training center.

Old Business:

The request for Flint Hill to take exemption for the rear chevron standard on the new Flint Hill engine was approved by the county attorney, provided the chief of the department will sign the release stating the chevron on the accepted truck is not NFPA compliant. County Staff and a board member will have to sign the change of work order.
This was approved at the March 2012 meeting with approval from the county attorney.

New Business:

American LA France requests permission to take two (2) of the new engines to the SC firefighter conference. The two requested would be Lesslie and Flint Hill. The Deputy Chief of Lesslie and the Chief of Flint Hill agreed to this.
It was also stipulated that any extras added to these trucks for the show be also added to the other (2) pumpers at no cost to York County.
Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to grant this request, with a second from Larry Williams.
All were in favor of the motion.

REQUEST:

Bullocks Creek FD requests a complete set of turnout gear for Cody Symonds.
Tommy Carroll made the motion to approve, with a second from Larry Williams.
All were in favor of the motion.
Frank Duncan did not vote.

Bullocks Creek FD requests to retain their current grass unit when they receive the new grass unit.
Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to allow them to keep their current grass unit; it will be transferred to them and be removed from the county system. Carl Faulk seconded the motion.
This will be a recommendation to the York County Council.
All were in favor of this motion.
Frank Duncan did not vote.

Bullocks Creek FD requests as retiring equipment: (2) engines; (1) tanker; (1) service truck becomes available that it be donated to the Bullocks Creek Fire Department.

This was taken as information with no action at this time.

Clover FD requests (2) full sets of turnout gear for Lamar Brown and for Marc Biscornet.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the request with a second from Frank Duncan.

All were in favor of the motion.

Lesslie FD requests that the board allow them to have a roll out shelf added to the new engine and they would pay the cost.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to allow this request, with a second from Carl Faulk.

All were in favor of this motion.

Mcconnells FD requests that they be allowed to make upgrades to their Engine 2 lighting, etc. at their expense.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to allow this request, with a second from Larry Williams.

All were in favor of this motion.

Mcconnells FD requests that the generator on Engine 2 be replaced due to ongoing problems and multiple work orders for the same problem.

Motion to replace the generator was made by Carl Faulk, with a second by Kenny Gilfillan.

All were in favor of the motion.

Request for addition turnout gear items not specified in the last request for Richard Burdette: Helmet, Gloves, Flashhood.

Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to approve this request, with a second from Frank Duncan.

All were in favor of the motion.

Fort Mill Fire Department requests 1,000 feet of 5-inch large diameter hose. Replacement for their county engine.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve this request, with a second from Carl Faulk.

All were in favor of this motion.

Announcements:

David Hord thanked Larry Williams and Steve Skinnell for their service to the board as this will be their last meeting as board members.

Chairman Hord also gave notice he is planning for future workshops needed by the board.

Persons wishing to appear before the Board but not on the Agenda:

Chief Domenic Manera addressed the board that a Ladder Truck had been located and they plan to go look at it the next week. He provided pictures of the unit to the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickey Wilson

Senior Fire Prevention Technician

York County Department of Fire Safety

Note: The minutes of this meeting are a summary of the activities and discussions that took place during the Board meeting. The minutes should not be construed as a complete transcript of the meeting. The minutes will not be approved until the next Board meeting and are subject to be amended at that time. Let it be known that the chairman does not vote on any action of the Board of Rural Fire Control unless there is a tie in the vote.