

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 30, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, April 30, 2009, 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.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Gene Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Jennings introduced Dennis Settlemyre and Steve Skinnell as new members of the Board.

Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:

No one appeared.

Reading of the Minutes: Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the March 26, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report: , Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to transfer \$12,000 from the Radio Account to the Repairs to Vehicles Account. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. These funds will replace the funds that were used to purchase tires.

Larry Williams made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the Machines and Equipment Account. Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Equipment Committee Report: Gene Thomas, Chairman

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the Hickory Grove FD for a complete set of PPE for Mike Burns. Mike has completed the 1152 course, as well as other courses. He is also a member of the county's hazardous materials response team. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the Bullocks Creek FD for five new pagers for new members. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve a request from the Bethany FD for two complete sets of PPE for Les McGill and Malcom Leirmoe. Les' gear is worn out and both firefighters have completed the 1152 course. Chris Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Larry Williams made a motion to approve a request from the Lesslie FD for eight complete sets of PPE for firefighters who recently completed the 1152 course. Names of the firefighters were provided. Dennis Settlemyre seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the Oakdale FD for a complete set of PPE for Jack Allen. Jack challenged the test when he first joined the Oakdale FD and passed the test and he is one of the most active members of the Oakdale FD. Oakdale also requested a pair of size 15 boots for Dale Fowler, who is a probationary member awaiting gear to enroll in classes. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the Smyrna FD for a complete set of PPE for Tara Deviney. Tara has completed the 1152 course. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

Chairman Williams stated that Lesslie FD had taken care of the damage to the truck and that no further action was necessary concerning the accident involving two Lesslie FD trucks.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Bill Dunlap asked if the radio had been reinstalled in Lesslie FD, station #2. The Fire Marshal referred the question to Chief Larry McConnell, Lesslie FD, who stated that he had spoken to Anna Hubbard, Assistant County Manager, and she had indicated that she did not see any reason to take the radio out of the truck. The Board requested Chairman Jennings to contact Ms. Hubbard to discuss this matter.

The Board agreed to purchase a foam trailer to be housed at the Newport Fire Department. This trailer would be used throughout the county where chemicals or flammables are involved in a fire.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Board accepting vehicles into the county maintenance program. There was a consensus that if the Board was approached before the truck was purchased, and if Mike evaluated the truck and recommended purchase of the truck, that the Board would accept the truck into the system, if the department followed the guidelines. During the evaluation Mike may recommend repairs or improvements before the truck would be considered for acceptance.

New Business:

A Joint Committee of Fire Chief and Rescue Squad/EMS representatives had decided that on MVAs, the fire department will be the Incident Commander for the incident. The committee requests that the Board provide vests with IC and Operations on the front and back so that these persons can be easily recognized. Bill Dunlap made a motion to purchase vests for each fire engine and service truck in the system. Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion. During the discussion the motion was made to add vests for the town fire engine and service trucks. A total of 12 additional vests. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Bill Dunlap requested the Fire Marshal forward the specifications for the fire engines to the York and Bethesda Fire departments so they could review the specifications. Chairman Jennings stated that he would like for the Equipment Committee and staff members meet with these departments and have the specifications for the two new fire engines ready to seek bids by the end of June.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion that the Board secures "Agreed Value" insurance on the county's fleet of fire apparatus. Chris Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dennis Settlemyre made a motion to reimburse any Board members who attends the SC Fire/Rescue Conference. Larry Williams seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Jennings will appoint new members and a chairman for the Finance Committee.

A secretary will be elected at the next meeting.

Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:

No one appeared.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy S. Thompson
Fire Marshal

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 Chairman Jennings does not vote on any action of the Board of Rural Fire Control unless there is a tie in the vote.