

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 23, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, August 23, 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.

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.

Opening prayer: David Hord

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

Cotton Howell, Director of Emergency Management

Mr. Howell gave an update on the DNC convention to be held in Charlotte, NC and how it will affect York County. Also advised fire departments to be on the lookout for suspicious activity around the fire departments and make them more secure than you normally do because of the event.

Representatives of American LaFrance and Anchor Richey addressed the Board in regard to the status of the engines being constructed at the plant. Representatives gave a timeline of each engine and the date expected to be finished.

Members of the Board expressed to the American LaFrance staff their disappointment in the way the company has handled this project and did not meet the delivery date, nor any of the delivery dates as promised.

The Board of Rural Fire Control went into executive session.

The Board of Rural Fire Control convened from executive session with no action taken by the Board.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to recommend to the County Managers office to terminate the contract with American LaFrance. This was seconded by Frank Duncan. All members voted in favor of this motion.

Reading of the Minutes: David Hord, Chairman

All Members received a copy of the minutes of the July 26, 2012, meeting.
No action to approve was taken at this time.

Finance Committee Report: Tommy Carroll, Chairman

Tommy Carroll reviewed the monthly finance report and all Board members were provided a copy of the monthly report. Tommy Carroll also provided a summary of funds that were left from 2011-2012 budgets. All invoices have not been paid and some other items were carried over and show in the fund balance.

Equipment Committee Report: Bill Dunlap, Chairman

Bids on the Bethesda grass truck chassis have been extended because the current pricing is not available from Ford at this time.

Accident Review Committee:

Carl Faulk, Chairman

One incident was a “no fault” and the windshield has been repaired. Motion from the committee that no further action be taken; seconded by Al Waddell. All were in favor of the motion.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, Training Officer: York County gave a report on upcoming training activities.

Training Center Committee:

Anna Moore, Asst. County Manager, gave information on the Training Center.
York County Council approved the second reading of the bond ordinance change.
The architect firm gave the recommendation on the site for the Training Center.
A meeting with the architect is scheduled for Monday August 27th, 2012, with the committee at the Training Center.
The next step requested by York County Council is cost estimates for the new Training Center.

Old Business:

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for a complete set of gear for Mike Scott who is a trained firefighter.
Motion to approve the request was made by Frank Duncan with a second by Kenny Gilfillan.
All were in favor of this motion.

More information was obtained on the SCBA compressor upgrades and it was determined that if a high temperature shut-off was part of the system nothing else was needed. Bowater fine was eliminated after it was determined they had this feature. All of our units have this feature.

New Business:

The policies and procedures of the Board of Rural Fire Control have been revised and reviewed by County Attorney Michael Kendree and he indicated he saw no changes in the revisions are needed. The policies that are ordinances must be approved for change by the York County Council and will be presented at the next meeting. After all revisions have been approved, copies of the policy with the revisions and additions will be distributed to all members of the Board and all fire departments.

Anna Moore, Asst. County Manager, requested the Board form a committee to help with reviewing the Fire Marshal’s job description.
Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to form the committee.
Seconded by Tommy Carroll.
All were in favor of the motion.
Carl Faulk, Wayne Searcy, and Melvin Abernethy were appointed to the committee.

Announcements:

None

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

Kevin Haynes asked if the Board would support McConnells FD developing a York County Fire Service Patch. There would be no cost to the Board.
A motion was made to give the support from the Board, with a second.
The motion was approved by majority.

Other Business:

Carl Faulk asked Michael Kendree if the next two (2) engines in this year’s budget can be purchased.
Michael Kendree stated that these are not part of the contract and can be purchased.

It was requested that all members of the Board come prepared to have a group picture taken for the web site.

Carl Faulk gave information on a new truck dealer and the truck that they build and the savings by using them.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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.