

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 28, 2011**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Wednesday, December 28th, 2011, at the Newport Fire Dept. 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: Rickey Wilson and Daniel Funderburk.

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

David Hord opened the meeting with prayer.

Persons not on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:
None

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

Minutes of November 17th, 2011, meeting were approved by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Larry Williams and all voted in favor of the motion.

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

Steve Skinnell, Chairman gave an end of year summary of the budget.
The report was taken as information.

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

CO monitors: The Equipment Committee recommends as a motion, to purchase (1) Inficon carbon monoxide meter for each fire station in the county system and (1) for the spare pumper, for a quote of \$170.00 each.

All were in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

It was also requested that any department that wanted to add to the order be allowed to purchase on this order at this special price and that department pay for the extra meter.

Equipment for new pumpers:

The Equipment Committee recommends as a motion to purchase the items from the quotes submitted, purchasing the items individually from the vendors with the lowest quote for each item.

All members voted in favor of this motion

Ladder Truck Report:

A search for a ladder truck is still ongoing, with nothing found at this time.

Foam Report:

Equipment Committee recommends as a motion to enter into an agreement with Safe Industries to provide on consignment 50 pails of Fire Aide 2000 and 50 pails of Fire Aide 2000AR. As it is used, the department using from the stock will be responsible for payment of foam reordered to replenish the stock. All foam taken from stock will be coordinated through the Department of Fire Safety.

Motion was approved by all members.

Current vendor needs to be notified to pick up or advise York County of what to do with the current stock on hand.

Tec-Gen Gear:

Information was given on the Tec-Gen Non-Structural Turnout Gear Specification per York County has been completed.
Pricing: \$480.00 per set 2xl + 10.00 3xl + 20.00

Steve Skinnell made a motion to table any further discussion until input from the Fire Chiefs can be obtained.
This was seconded by Frank Duncan.

In favor of the motion: Carl Faulk, Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Larry Williams, Kenny Gilfillan, Frank Duncan, Steve Skinnell.

Bill Dunlap voted against the motion.

Fort Mill Grass Truck Pump:

Motion from the equipment committee to replace the pump due to reoccurring maintenance problems.
All were in favor.

Report on the Roll Stability Recall:

(4) apparatus were out of service due to the recall and (1) (York's) has been repaired and others are being scheduled to be repaired.

Bullocks Creek Grass Truck:

There was a question of why Bullocks Creek Grass unit was checked out of service so many times in November and December, and it was determined that members were using it to attend firefighter classes. The Board feels this is not a good practice since that is the only grass truck that BCFD has, and if the cost of fuel is an issue, researching a way to reimburse members should be looked at by the department and the board. David Hord will send a letter to all departments outlining when an apparatus should be taken out of the department's district.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

Larry Williams asked that all board members review the committee recommendation and provide suggestions/changes at the January 2012 meeting so it can be given to fire chiefs for their review and suggestions.

(1) accident review involving Flint Hill Ladder 1, with driver Brent Hucks. It is the recommendation of the committee to suspend his driving privileges for (3) more months based on this being his second accident in 6 months. The cost of the damage was less than \$10.00 to replace the part knocked off by the collision with the pole.
Motion made by the committee. All were in favor.

Training Committee: No Report

Foam Truck Committee No Report

Old Business:

Fire Chiefs Banquet is to be held January 30, 2012, at Bethelwoods at the Horton Lodge. The caterer will be Tony Childers with the menu being the same as last year: Steak, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Desert, Drinks.

The invitation list was revised, added to the list were: Shane Wray, SCFA; Director of York County Red Cross, Herbert Kirsch, Scott Prater, Med Center Air, and verify Flint Hill Honor Guard will post the colors and invite them to eat also.

Reminder to the Chiefs for information to add to the program during the report of activities of the past year.

New Business:

Request:

Request from Bullocks Creek Fire Department for (3) radios for new members.
Motion by Bill Dunlap, with a second from Steve Skinnell to deny this request.

All were in favor of the motion with Frank Duncan Abstaining from the Vote.

Request from Bethel Fire Dept. for (3) full sets of turnout gear for members who just completed the 1152 class.

The names of the members were provided in the letter/E-Mail.

Motion to approve by Steve Skinnell with a second by Larry Williams Motion Approved

Request from Bethesda Fire Dept. for a complete set of turnout gear for a firefighter who just rejoined the department and is trained to the FFII level.

Motion to approve this request by Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Carl Faulk. Motion approved, Larry Williams abstained from voting.

Request from Bethesda for (9) pass devices missing from SCBA they have in use.

Motion by Bill Dunlap to deny the request that they should be replaced by the fire department. It was seconded by Melvin Abernethy. All were in favor, Larry Williams abstained from voting.

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for (3) full sets of turnout gear for members who just completed 1152.

The names of the members are in the letter from the department.

Motion made by Steve Skinnell to approve the request, seconded by Kenny Gilfillan. All were in favor of the motion. Larry Williams abstained from the vote.

Request from Clover Fire Department to add steps to assist in getting on the running board.

Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to approve the request with a second from Bill Dunlap.

Motion passed with Steve Skinnell abstaining from the vote.

Request from Lando Fire Dept. and Stevenson farm, both of Chester County, requesting the 89 Chevrolet Grass unit for their department or company. Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to deny this request with a second from Bill Dunlap, and to ask the County Council to declare this truck surplus and it be sold at the county auction.

Request from Hickory Grove Fire Dept. for a complete set of gear for a firefighter who just completed the 1152 class. The members name was included in the letter of request.

Motion by Bill Dunlap to approve this request with a second from Steve Skinnell.

All were in favor of the motion, with Kenny Gilfillan abstaining from the vote.

Request from Lesslie Fire Dept. to add to the new pumper a power point to add a generator to a compartment they would pay for any additional cost. This request was after the deadline and will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Information: Bethany FD was approved for a Forestry Grant reimbursement at the meeting of 9/22/2011.

Carl Faulk asked if a graphic color photo can be provided for the new pumpers. Staff will look into it.

Kenny Gilfillan asked if anyone had an update on the status of upgrading the Training Center. David Hord will check on this from the County Managers Office.

It was also asked if the Chiefs are keeping up with members' driving records to make sure no one with a suspended license is driving fire apparatus.

Larry asked if a decision had been made on color coding of helmets and he was referred to the action taken from a previous meeting.

Announcements:

Newport Fire Department invited all members of the Fire Board to their annual banquet on January 14th, 2012, at Tirzah ARP Church at 7:00 pm.

Next Board meeting will be January 26, 2012, at the York County Fire Training Center at 6:30 pm.

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

Chief David Jennings, Flint Hill Fire Department, spoke of concerns with limiting use of fire apparatus.

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.