

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 22, 2007**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at the York County Fire Training Center at 7:00 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.

The following Board members were present: Dickey Pendleton, Christopher Thompson, Ron Helms, Gene Thomas, Doug Morris, Larry Williams, Tommy Robbins, and David Jennings.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Gene Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

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

No one appeared before the Board.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the January 11, 2007, meeting, were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Robbins, Chairman

A monthly Finance Report was provided as information.

A Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for March 6, 2007, for 6:00 PM at the Large Conference Room at the Heckle Office Complex. Chairman Jennings requested fire departments that are applying for grants that require matching funds provide the Finance Committee with information concerning the matching funds.

Equipment Committee Report:

Jim Zelenak, Chairman

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the request from the Fort Mill Fire Department for approval to install a Reese Hitch on the grass fire truck. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the request from the Fort Mill Fire Department for the Board to provide five (5) 6000 psi cylinders for cascade systems in their station and on their service truck. The Fire Marshal will provide cost estimates. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the request from the Riverview Fire Department for the equipment to be placed on their new fire engine. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the request from the Riverview Fire Department for a valve to be installed between the pump and tank on their new grass fire truck. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of a request from the Hickory Grove Fire Department for two sets of PPE. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of a request from the Hickory Grove Fire Department for the Board to recommend to the county council that the old Hickory Grove grass fire truck, fire pump, and equipment be declared surplus and for the county council to give the Hickory Grove Fire Department to be utilized as a second grass fire truck. The Hickory Grove Fire Department will be responsible for all costs and maintenance of the truck and equipment. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of a request from the Oakdale Fire Department for the Board to recommend to the county council that the old Oakdale grass fire truck, fire pump, and equipment be declared surplus and for the county council to give the Oakdale Fire Department to be utilized as a second grass fire truck. The Oakdale Fire Department will be responsible for all costs and maintenance of the truck and equipment. This recommendation was placed in the form of a motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board received a request from the Newport Fire Department requesting that the new Newport ladder truck be accepted in to the county's maintenance program. Chairman Jennings referred the request to the Equipment Committee.

Accident Review Committee:

Doug Morris, Chairman

Committee Chairman Morris reported that a Driver Refresher Course was held on January 23, 2007, at the Riverview Fire Department, and all drivers that had been involved in an at-fault accident attend the training. The committee determined that no further action was necessary regarding a recent Newport firefighter injury and a recent incident involving damage to a Sharon Engine.

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

Chairman Jennings stated that he had planned to discuss the recommendations in the updated Fire Protection Master Plan at the Fire Chiefs meeting earlier this month, but due to the extended discussion concerning the radio system, the discussion was postponed until next month's meeting.

New Business:

Fire Marshal Thompson provided a power point presentation of the budget process for the Board members, including how the operating funds portion of the budget is allocated.

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

Chief Charlie Love, Clover Fire Department, appeared and asked whether the head set he had requested earlier had been approved. Fire Marshal Thompson reported that he had researched the minutes and the Board had approved providing the head set and that he had forwarded the necessary information to the vendor.

Chairman Jennings announced that the County Council had decided that the new radio system would be funded from the general fund of the county and there would not be any user fees.

The meeting adjourned:

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.

Due the recorder malfunctioning the meeting was not recorded.