

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
2/23/2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2011, 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 Larry Williams.

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 on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

Ken Belk, Chief of Bullocks Creek Fire Department spoke of the letter sent to all departments regarding the use of fire apparatus. He also asked if the board would support him in asking for substations needed in his district. He was referred to his 2 council members whose district he is in. He also asked about spare pumpers available and he was told he would need to send a request to the board for consideration.

There was a motion to have him contact his council members by Frank Duncan with a second by Kenny Gilfillan
All were in favor of the motion.

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of 1/26/2012, meeting was approved by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan all voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Steve Skinnell, Chairman

The finance committee report was a review of the 2012-2013 budget. Each line item was reviewed and the only line item that the board wanted modified was the assistance to fire dept. acct and increase of 5% was included but thru a consensus of the board members the increase in fuel will make the need 10%. The numbers were refigured and a new total approved there was a motion by Kenny Gilfillan to add the 10% on assistance and approve the budget for 2012-2013 to be submitted. Bill Dunlap seconded the motion.

All was in favor of accepting the 2012-2013 budget with the noted change and submit it to the county staff.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

No report

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

A report was given in the absence of Chairman Larry Williams by Rickey Wilson

There was an Accident Review Committee meeting held on February 22, 2012 to discuss 2 incidents
1st incident involved Riverview Engine where a T-post pulled a valve extension loose causing the tire to go flat.
A motion from the committee to allow the driver to return to driving provided approval by the chief of the department and no further action taken.

2nd incident occurred at Bethel Fire Dept. where the door of the grass truck was dented after a member tripped and fell into it. Per the policy of the board the department is responsible for the 1 \$1000.00 of the cost of repairs. The shop estimated \$200.00 and Bethel Fire Dept. agreed to pay the cost. The shop will arrange for the repairs.
Motion from the committee that no further action be taken

Motion to accept both recommendations from the Accident Review Committee was made by Kenny Gilfillan with a second by Steve Skinnell.

All was in favor of the motion.

Department of Fire Safety will notify the Departments of the Action of the board.

The letter clarifying who needs what to drive a county fire apparatus was sent out to all departments.

Training Committee: No Report

Foam Truck Committee No Report

Old Business:

E-Dispatch system is ready to be implemented, and a date is needed to train members how to set up the system for their department.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to have Chief Manera to set up the training for all departments. There was a second by Kenny Gilfillan.

All was in favor of the motion.

Chief Sam Lesslie gave an update on the items ordered for funerals.

Trailer and Casket mount for a truck has been ordered and are working on the boxes and the black cloth for bunting.

New Business:

Request:

Bullocks Creek Fire Dept. request 3 complete sets of turnout gear for members who have completed 1152.

Pam Dover, Hunter Oliver, Matt Webb

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the request

Seconded by Melvin Abernathy

All was in favor of the motion.

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for (2) complete sets of gear for certified firefighters:

Todd Robitaille and James Dykes.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the request

Seconded by Carl Faulk

All was in favor of the motion.

Request from Cherokee Technology Center for a surplus pumper:

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the request and to make a recommendation to the county council when a surplus pumper becomes available.

Seconded by Tommy Carroll

All was in favor of the motion.

Request from Smyrna Fire Department to be allowed to add a slide out tray to their service truck:

Request for (3) complete sets of gear for members, provided they pass the course on Sunday.

Dustin Peterson, Terry Humphries, Harley Thompson; they all have some borrowed gear.

1st request Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve the request

Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan

All was in favor of the motion.

2nd request Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the request

Seconded by Tommy Carroll

All was in favor of the motion.

Request from McConnell's Fire Department to have Fire Safety do modification to Engine 2 for Air pack brackets for the rear seats and a hose well compartment

Also modify hose tray on tanker to access the hose easier.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve the request as time allows in the shop

Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan

All was in favor of the motion.

There was also a request from McConnell's Fire Dept. for Turnout gear but due to submittal after the deadline it will be held for next month's meeting.

Carl Faulk and Kenny Gilfillan were appointed to the committee formed by the Fire Chiefs Association to look into where the County Council is on building a new training facility.

A proposal was given as a sample for a company who does grief counseling for York County. It was discussed that other alternatives were available for no fee such as thru the Coroner's Office and other individuals that are in the county that provide this service and thru the state.

Announcements:

There will be a Public Safety & Justice Committee Wednesday Feb. 29, 2012 at 5.30 at the Heckle Complex
The Training Center Committee will meet Monday Feb 27, 2012 in preparation for the Wednesday night Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting.

Anna Moore, Assistant County Manager, shared information that the County Attorney was looking into the paid firefighters to determine their role under the Fair Labor Act. And who does the paid staff answer to while on duty.

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

Chief Sam Lesslie, Riverview Fire Dept. spoke of the apparatus use letter.

Chief Dominic Manera, York Fire Dept. gave information about Armed Forces Life Insurance for volunteer firefighters
He also asked that the board look at batteries for the WTs currently used by fire departments the ones that came with the radios need replaced.

Also the board may want to purchase a charger/analyzer that can tell if the batteries are bad or need cycled.

He also asked if the board want to write a letter of dissatisfaction to the company that sold the ladder truck just before they were leaving to look at it.

It was also asked that if another ladder was found could staff go look at it and give a letter of intent should one be found before the next board meeting.

Motion by Frank Duncan to allow this request

Seconded by Carl Faulk

Motion was approved

Motion to advertise the York Ladder Truck for a minim price of \$30,000 this would be if approved by County Council.

Money would be used to supplement the budget for a used ladder.
Motion by Carl Faulk, seconded by Frank Duncan. All was in favor of the motion

It was brought up that pagers are needing replaced and the possibility of using current funds to replace some now
This was referred to the Equipment Committee.

It was brought up that a grass truck is still in the budget and we could purchase one now and only have 1 more to complete the program.
It was referred to the Equipment Committee.

Steve Skinnell asked that the board look at purchasing a Turnout Gear from this year funds at the end of the 2011-2012 budget year if the funds are available.
Referred to equipment committee.

Steve also commented on the reporter at the chief's banquet who was at his table and he observed nothing mentioned by the reported.

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.