

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 24, 2011**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, February 24, 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.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing Fire Departments: Don Love, Bethel; Carl Faulk, Newport; Tommy White, Lesslie; David Jennings Flint Hill; several other members of fire departments.

Representing County staff: Anna Moore, Mike Burns, Gary Starnes, DJ Funderburk, Rickey Wilson

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Gene Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jerry Williams addressed the Board about some new items available for the new pumpers.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**David Hord, Chairman**

Minutes of the December 2010, Board meeting were approved with no corrections.  
Larry Williams made the motion; seconded by Kenny Gilfillan.

**Finance Committee Report:**

**Steve Skinnell, Chairman**

Reviewed the 2011-2012 budget to be submitted.

Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to accept the budget; seconded by Chris Thompson; Motion Passed.

For information, Gary Starnes stated that he was looking into raising the rate for use of the Training Center for non-county agencies. This will bring the cost more in line with what other area training centers charge. The prices have not been raised in 20 years.

**Equipment Committee Report:**

**Gene Thomas, Chairman**

Mike Burns reviewed the changes to be made in the pumper specifications which are being developed to be sent out for bids/proposals.

Gene Thomas gave a report that the bids/proposal will be for (2) engines with the understanding that if the budget is approved for 2011-2012, (2) more will be ordered after July 1, 2011.

*Changes in Specifications:*

ABS door panels: Motion by Gene Thomas to delete ABS door panels from Specs. Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan.  
Motion Passed.

Motion made by Bill Dunlap to delete interior color from the specs and have it decided at pre-construction meeting, since different manufacturers use different color options. Seconded by Steve Skinnell. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Bill Dunlap to let the department decide which line to use for the foam; current specs call for front jump line.

After the discussion Bill Dunlap withdrew his motion and leave specs as written.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to add to the specifications on the cab and body not to exceed 34 feet long and be no taller than 9ft 6in. Larry Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jerry Chapman made a motion to subtract the (2) members of the fire department from the pre-construction trip. Seconded by Steve Skinnell.

Discussion:

Voting in favor: Jerry Chapman and Steve Skinnell; Voting against: Dennis Settlemyre, Larry Williams, Gene Thomas, Kenny Gilfillan, Chris Thompson, Bill Dunlap. Motion Failed

Chris Thompson made a motion to change to (1) member per department to attend the pre-construction conference. Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan. Voting in favor: Dennis Settlemyre, Larry Williams, Gene Thomas, Chris Thompson, Bill Dunlap, Kenny Gilfillan; Voting against: Jerry Chapman, Steve Skinnell. Motion Passed.

Jerry Chapman made a motion to take out the wording “no exceptions” on the on the construction material type.

Chris Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Voting for: Jerry Chapman, Chris Thompson; Voting against: Bill Dunlap, Kenny Gilfillan, Larry Williams, Gene Thomas, Dennis Settlemyre, Steve Skinnell. Motion Failed.

Chris Thompson made a motion to change from 1/8 aluminum to 1/8 aluminum OR poly body.

Larry Williams seconded the motion .

No discussion:

Voting for: Steve Skinnell, Larry Williams, Chris Thompson, Jerry Chapman; Voting against: Gene Thomas, Kenny Gilfillan, Dennis Settlemyre, Bill Dunlap. This resulted in a tie. The chairman broke the tie with a vote against. Motion Failed.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to add the auto fill system for the tank fill. Jerry Chapman seconded the motion.

After discussion of the item, Bill Dunlap withdrew his motion.

A new style/brand rollup door was presented earlier.

Gene Thomas made a motion to retain in the specs the current style door we now use.

There was no second to the motion and the motion died.

Chris Thompson made a motion to change the specs to use the Hanson doors presented earlier.

Larry Williams seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

All were in favor of the motion with the exception of Gene Thomas, who voted against the motion. Motion Passed.

There was a motion by Gene Thomas to accept the specifications with the changes made and to send to Purchasing to seek bids or proposals. Seconded by Chris Thompson.

All were in favor of the motion with the exception of Jerry Chapman, who voted against the motion. Motion Passed

#### **Accident Review Committee:**

**Larry Williams, Chairman**

Larry gave a report on the Lesslie Ladder incident and stated that they don't know who did the damage, but the ladder has been tested. It showed no damage and is in service. It is still undetermined who did the damage. Lesslie paid for the test. No further action is recommended.

There was a discussion of the Newport accident involving a district engine.

A motion was made by Gene Thomas to make it mandatory that all departments have York County Training Officer Gary Starnes conduct an annual driver refresher class.

Motion seconded by Jerry Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Training Committee:**

**Bill Dunlap, Chairman**

No Report

**Foam Truck Committee:**

No Report

**Miscellaneous:**

**Old Business:**

Bethel Grass 3, a Chevrolet K3500, had completed work done and was re-weighed by Department of Fire Safety staff.

It was reported that with the work done the truck is now overweight.  
Bill Dunlap made a motion to take the truck out of the county maintenance program.  
Jerry Chapman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**New Business:**

**Request:**

**Riverview** requested to have added to their Engine 2 the Insta-Chain system. They will pay all costs involved.  
Motion to approve by Dennis Settlemyre; seconded by Kenny Gilfillan.  
No discussion. All in favor. Motion approved.

**Bethesda** requested to add slide out trays to all (4) compartments on the bottom of the new engine.  
Bethesda will pay for all associated costs, and Department of Fire Safety staff will install.  
Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to approve. Seconded by Chris Thompson  
No Discussion. All in favor. Motion passed. Larry Williams did not vote.

**Hickory Grove** requested to add brow lights to their new engine. Hickory Grove will pay for all associated costs and Department of Fire Safety staff will install.  
Motion to approve by Larry Williams.  
Seconded by Chris Thompson; all voted in favor; motion passed. Kenny Gilfillan did not vote.

**Fort Mill** requested to add compartments known as “coffin boxes” to the top of the engine in order to carry items not often used.  
Discussion:  
Motion by Bill Dunlap to deny the request; seconded by Kenny Gilfillan.  
All voted in favor of denying the request with the exception of Dennis Settlemyre, who voted against.  
Jerry Chapman did not vote.

There was a discussion of the broken metal sheer in the shop needing to be replaced. There are some Fire Board funds left. The Board instructed Gary Starnes to get prices for the next Board or Equipment Committee meeting.

Chairman David Hord requested a Fire Board planning workshop in March with a tentative date of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 6.00 pm.

**Persons wishing to appear before the Board but not on the agenda:**

Chief Domenic Manera spoke of a demo he attended for Scott SCBA communication interface to our radios and asked for information on the different types of SCBA used in York County.

Jerry Williams spoke of Chief Larry McConnell being ill; he will keep us informed of his progress.

Tommy White expressed his concern about the mistakes made on the last turnout gear order. Department of Fire Safety Staff is working with the vendor to get the corrections completed.

Carl Faulk spoke of training and best practices, and that the Board needs to look at training.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickey E. Wilson

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.