

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 26, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, January 26, 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.

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 December 28, 2011, meeting was approved by a motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

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

Steve Skinnell gave a monthly finance report.

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

Bill Dunlap gave the following report:

CO monitors are on order, including the extras the departments ordered.
The contract for the foam to be placed at the (5) sites on consignment was given to each member to look over.
Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve the contract pending approval by the county attorney.
Frank Duncan seconded this motion.
All were in favor of the motion.
Chairman David Hord will sign the contract if the county attorney approves it as written.

Apparatus replacement plans:

Tanker replacement:

Referred to Equipment Committee to develop specifications for tanker replacement plan

Service Truck replacement:

Motion by Bill Dunlap to change to 16 ft. body; start replacement in 2022 and purchase (1) per year
Seconded by Tommy Carroll
All were in favor with the exception of Carl Faulk who was opposed to the motion.
Motion passed.

Grass Truck replacement:

The last two grass trucks will be replaced this year, per the current plan. The next replacement schedule for grass trucks will begin in 2027.

Ladder Truck replacement:

York Fire Dept. ladder currently is to be replaced. A search is underway to find a used ladder truck within budget. There was a recommendation/motion from the Equipment Committee, if approved by County Council to sell the current York Ladder Truck and return those funds to the Fire Board budget to give additional funds for a purchase above the budgeted amount.

All were in favor .

There was a ladder truck found, but has not been viewed.

Motion by Larry Williams to send staff to look at this truck for possible purchase.

Seconded by Tommy Carroll; all were in favor.

York FD will check to see if they can pay for the trip.

Pumper Replacement Plan:

Motion from the Equipment Committee to go with the updated Plan B, which changes to buying (1) pumper per year, beginning this upcoming budget year.

All in favor of the motion: Steve Skinnell, Bill Dunlap, and Frank Duncan

Opposed to the motion: Kenny Gilfillan, Larry Williams, Carl Faulk, Tommy Carroll, and Melvin Abernethy.

Motion Failed.

A motion was made by Carl Faulk, with a second by Kenny Gilfillan, to keep the current plan purchasing (2) pumpers in the 2012-2013 budget and then buying (1) per year after that.

In favor of the motion: Carl Faulk, Kenny Gilfillan, Tommy Carroll, Larry Williams, and Melvin Abernethy.

Against the motion: Bill Dunlap, Steve Skinnell, Frank Duncan.

Motion Passed.

The Equipment Committee makes a motion to allow Lesslie Fire Department to have added to the new pumper a power port to allow a generator to be hooked up for electric start. Lesslie FD will pay the cost.

All were in favor of the motion.

Motion Passed.

Due to a problem with the current vendor no being able to get rubber fire boots, Bill Dunlap made a motion to change vendors and cancel the order from the current vendor. New quotes were obtained from vendors who have the boots in stock and C W Williams was the lowest quote.

This motion was seconded by Carl Faulk.

All were in favor of the motion.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

There was one accident with a Lesslie Fire Dept. apparatus and the following recommendations were made:

“Their Engine 1, with operator William Higgins, was responding to a call when turning into a secondary road and trying to avoid oncoming traffic the rear wheels dropped off in a ditch with a culvert with minor damage that has already been repaired to the muffler hanger”.

“Being no other damage and no cost to fix, it is the recommendation of this committee to reinstate the driver to driving if the chief of the department agrees and no further action to be taken”.

All were in favor of this recommendation/motion.

Motion approved.

The committee also recommends that a letter be sent to all chiefs with the current policy of the requirements to drive a county fire apparatus as a reminder and information for the new chiefs in the county.

All were in favor of this recommendation/motion.

Motion approved.

The Accident Review Committee asked each Board member at its December 2011 meeting to review the recommendations of policy and procedures and give a recommendation at this meeting.

Tommy Carroll made a motion that the recommendations be accepted as written and sent to the Fire Chiefs for review and comments.

Steve Skinnell seconded the motion.

Training Committee: No Report

Foam Truck Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

There was an E-dispatch program demonstration by Chief Domenic Manera of York Fire Department.

After the demonstration Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve purchase of the program and allow 10 per department to be set up.

Seconded by Carl Faulk.

All were in favor of the motion.

Motion was approved.

Motion by Bill Dunlap to allow Public Safety Communications to add 30 to the system, and the cost of those be paid by Public Safety Communications.

All were in favor of the motion.

2012-2013 Budget:

Need to have budget meeting to discuss budget and needed items for the 2012-2013 budget.

Need to look at replacement cylinders, pagers, gear washing machine, and a new fit test machine.

All county trucks with roll stability issues have been corrected.

Carl Faulk made a motion to stay with the 2009 tanker replacement plan, which begins with the 2013-2014 budget year. Frank Duncan seconded the motion.

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

Opposed to the motion: Bill Dunlap

Motion passed.

The Board would also like to keep in mind that (4) pumpers will come off- line when the new pumpers arrive, and the Cherokee Vocational School needs a pumper for their Firefighter Program.

Rock Hill Fire Department requests the Department of Fire Safety Shop be allowed to assist with some work to convert an old pumper to be used for funerals and parades; RHFHD will pay for the materials.

Motion by Bill Dunlap to supply the materials and labor.
Seconded by Melvin Abernethy.
There was a discussion of supplying materials.
Bill Dunlap withdrew his motion.

Motion by Carl Faulk to supply the labor and RHFHD provide materials.
Seconded by Frank Duncan.
All were in favor of the motion.
Motion approved.

Chairman David Hord appointed (2) members to the Finance Committee: Tommy Carroll and Melvin Abernethy.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to ask minimum bid for the current York Ladder Truck at \$30,000.00.
Seconded by Carl Faulk.
All were in favor of the motion.
Motion passed.

Announcements:

None

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

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.