

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

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, July 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.**

**Opening prayer:** David Hord

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

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

Minutes of June 28, 2012, meeting was approved by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Tommy Carroll and all voted in favor of the motion.

**Finance Committee Report:** Tommy Carroll, Chairman

Tommy Carroll reviewed the monthly finance report and all board members were provided a copy of the monthly report.

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

Bids for turnout gear were opened and the Equipment Committee recommends the board accept the low bid from Piedmont ESS for \$49,765.27, which met all the specifications and delivery time. Motion is from the Equipment Committee.  
All board members voted in favor of the motion.

The quotes were obtained on the miscellaneous PPE items and the following recommendation was made:

Purchase boots from NAFECO; firefighter rubber boots at \$102.50 per pair.  
Purchase Cairns 1044 helmets with the configuration requested by departments from Safe Industries at the quoted price of \$189.00 to \$199.00 depending on the configuration.  
Purchase flash-hoods from MES-Carolina at a quoted price of \$17.85 each.  
It is also recommended that 30 flash-hoods be purchased to avoid having to issue a purchase order for each order, which may be as small as one flash-hood on an order.  
It is also recommended that the gloves be purchased from NAFECO. This would provide a convenience of allowing the firefighter to be sized accordingly when they get sized for boots. Also, the price will be close to, if not cheaper, than the low quote obtained due to that vendor adding shipping charges, and NAFECO has no shipping charges.  
Each item was voted on separately by a motion from the Equipment Committee.  
Each item was approved separately by unanimous vote.

Information was given on specifications for ordering a chassis for the Bethesda grass truck. There will be an option of either an extended cab or a 4-door cab included. Once the bids are returned Bethesda Fire Department will be given the option of paying the extra cost of the 4-door or go with the Fire Board specifications which is a provided extended cab.  
The board agreed to seek bids on the specifications provided. It was also noted that Bethesda requests a white top cab which is done locally when the chassis is purchased and delivered and the cost is covered by the board.

**Equipment Committee Report: (cont.)**

Cascade system upgrade was discussed and we have pricing from (1) vendor for the compressors purchased by the Fire Board. It was suggested by the committee to ask fire departments that own their compressors if they wanted to be included in the pricing to possible receive a greater discount, but they would be responsible for the cost of the upgrade. It was also recommended to obtain pricing from another vendor.

The committee recommends to take no action at this time till further information is obtained.

A letter was received from Chief Ken Kerber, Fort Mill Fire Dept., regarding his previous request for upgrades to the county service truck at Fort Mill Fire Dept. Each member of the board had received a copy of the letter. There was a discussion of the request and the Equipment Committee recommendation to the board is to approve the request as before, allowing Fort Mill to make the upgrades to the service truck and allow the Department of Fire Safety Maintenance Shop to do the work and Fort Mill pay for the materials

All members of the board were in favor of the motion.

**Accident Review Committee:**

**Carl Faulk, Chairman**

No report.

A copy of a policy/procedure for alcohol or drug screening for fire apparatus drivers involved in accidents serious enough that there are injuries or a vehicle has to be towed, or both.

This will be reviewed at the next Accident Review Committee meeting and brought back to the board.

**Training Committee:**

Gary Starnes, Training Officer: York County gave a report that Bernard Smalley has retired from the SC Fire Academy regional office here and there will be a fill in three days a week until they hire a replacement.

**Training Center Committee:**

David Jennings, Chief, Flint Hill Fire Dept. gave a report that they plan to do a presentation to the council at the next meeting to give information on why a new facility is needed and why council should consider changing the bond from use to build substations to use of building a Fire Training Center/Shop/Administration Facility.

It is also requested that the committee meet with the architect firm prior to giving the presentation.

Anna Moore, Assist. County Manager, gave information that they are still waiting for the report from the architect firm on site evaluations. It was suggested that maybe a delay in the presentation until the report is completed.

Carl Faulk made a motion to proceed with the committee making the presentation, with a second from Kenny Gilfillan.

All voted in favor of the motion.

**Old Business:**

Report on construction of engines at the American LaFrance Plant. Ken Proctor of American LaFrance gave the report.

It was reported that on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Lesslie Engine will be completed and ready for inspection and at that time the other three engines will be 75% complete.

Carl Faulk provided information on a truck sold by American LaFrance and built by Anchor Richey. Ken Proctor gave an explanation on the status of the truck and the department's pre-payment.

Bill Dunlap gave information on the request of the board to have someone from the plant at this meeting to give a report and he stated they were at the ladder plant and unable to attend.

**New Business:**

Request from McConnells Fire Department for blue helmets for non-certified members.

A motion to table the request was made by Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Al Waddell.

All voted in favor of the motion.

**New Business:** (Cont.)

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for a complete set of turnout gear for Jake Hargett.

Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to approve this request.

Seconded by Al Waddell.

All were in favor of the motion.

Request from Oakdale Fire Department to allow the installation of (2) brow lights and (6) light heads on the main light bar and install a thermal imaging camera on Oakdale Engine 3. They also asked to allow (2) brow lights to be added to Oakdale Engine 1. Oakdale will pay for all materials and asked that the DFS shop do the installs.

Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to allow the request.

Seconded by Frank Duncan.

All were in favor of the motion.

Bill Dunlap abstained from the vote.

**Announcements:**

None

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

Chief David Jennings spoke of the upgrades for all Cascade systems and more information needs to be obtained before spending money on these upgrades.

**Other Business:**

At the workshop on July 25<sup>th</sup> the policies of the board were reviewed and a draft of changes was completed. Each item was discussed from the draft, with discussion and changes being made as the chairman went over each policy. On page 12 the policy describes minimum training for an interior firefighter.

A motion by Frank Duncan to require the minimum training accepted by OSHA, as the minimum training required by the board.

This received a second from Al Waddell.

In favor of the motion: Al Waddell, Frank Duncan, Kenny Gilfillan, Bill Dunlap, Wayne Searcy, and Melvin Abernethy.

Against the motion: Carl Faulk, Tommy Carroll.

Motion passed and will be a policy.

On page 14 the insurance on the portable radios carried by York County has changed from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 deductible, which the department is responsible for in the event of a lost or destroyed radio.

Carl Faulk made a motion to make the policy show the \$1,000.00 deductible and it remain that the department will be responsible for the amount of the deductible.

There was a second by Tommy Carroll.

The vote was five in favor of the motion, with three against.

Motion passed and will be a policy.

After the review of the complete draft with the changes, a motion by Kenny Gilfillan to approve all changes as drafted.

It was seconded by Al Waddell.

Motion was approved.

After a review of the policies of the board by the county attorney, and approval from the York County Council on the changes that are marked as an ordinance, and no recommendation of any other changes are indicated, the revised policies will be printed and distributed to all members and fire departments.

A motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

A motion was made to reconvene the board meeting.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Frank Duncan to adjourn the meeting.

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.