

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 24, 2010**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, June 24, 2010, 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 Gene Thomas.

Members of several fire departments were present.

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:**

David Jennings gave a report that with money left over and it being transferred in the radio account, the Board should be able to purchase 32 radios, which will be two (2) per department.

He also addressed last month's meeting, explaining the updated sub-station funding passed by the Board.

He discussed the executive session meeting of the Board at the May meeting

He discussed the new firefighter training standard with regard to the purchase of turnout gear and radios for members.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**David Hord**

Minutes of the May 27, 2010, Board meeting were approved as written.

**Finance Committee Report:**

**David Hord, Chairman**

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

Chairman Hord reported that with funds left over they were going to purchase extra radios for each department.

With David Hord assuming chairman of the Board, he appointed Steve Skinnell as chairman of the Finance Committee.

**Equipment Committee Report:**

**Gene Thomas, Chairman**

In the absence of Gene Thomas, Bill Dunlap gave the report.

Pager Amplifiers: the Equipment Committee recommends that the Board purchase seven (7) amplifiers per department; more may be purchased later if extra funds are available. All present in favor of the motion except Jerry Chapman.

PPE Bid: the Equipment Committee recommends asking the County Council to accept the low bid from Piedmont ESS for the turnout gear to be purchased as needed for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Motion approved.

Current policy for issue of turnout gear may need to be reviewed based on the new training standard that will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010; the Board will table the issue until more information can be obtained.

Motion made to purchase a Rolling Rack Hose Roller. After discussion it was withdrawn and tabled until a video demo can be shown to the Board, as well as a demo of what other departments use.

Specifications for two (2) new engines: Bill Dunlap went over the changes and clarifications of the specifications for the two (2) new pumps. Mike Burns went over cost of changes or added items.

A motion was made by Steve Skinnell to accept the changes in added items and warranties. Motion approved.

Bill Dunlap stated that it had been asked if a training committee needed to be formed within the Fire Board due to the recent changes in training requirements. This was referred to the Fire Chiefs Association for their input before taking any action.

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

A motion was made by Bill Dunlap to get the updated policy manuals printed, and not wait on changes that have to be made by County Council, adding them later.

Referred to staff at the Department of Fire Safety; David Jennings will provide the information.

A report was given on the service truck to be purchased by Bethel FD. Requested by Chief Love to be able to remove radios from the old service truck and have them placed in the newly purchased one. A motion made by Bill Dunlap to accept the truck in the system, provided items A-F on the list are repaired and the other truck taken out of the system. Motion approved.

**Accident Review Committee:**

**Larry Williams, Chairman**

Gave a report of the incident with the Lesslie Grass Truck and asked that Lesslie Fire Department provide a report to the Board by the next meeting. Lesslie Assistant Chief Wayne Reeves stated the accident / incident is still under investigation.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Old Business:**

Discussed bond money requested at the last meeting. Information was given to Board members that at the last Fire Chief's meeting, members voted to ask the Board that the first priority now be to purchase radios. The Board agreed that until information is available from the assistant county manager as to what has been done since the last Board meeting that no action would be taken at this time.

**New Business:**

Copies of grass truck specifications were given to Board members and the subject was referred to the Equipment Committee.

Bill Dunlap made note that the quote for the radios was wrong and needs to be changed before it goes out on bids. The warranty needs to be changed to a 3-year instead of 2-year, and specify Impress batteries and chargers. The corrections will be made and forwarded to Bill White in Purchasing to obtain bids. Bill Dunlap made a motion to purchase 32 radios (with the changes made above), with funds left over from the 2009-2010 budget.

**Requests:**

- Request from the YCFCA to purchase a Garmin GPS for each first out engine; was referred to the Equipment Committee. During the discussion, it was stated that a version with a back-up camera is available. Department of Fire Safety staff will look into this and provide information.
- Request from Fort Mill FD to have shop staff mount a generator they purchased. Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to have shop staff mount the generator; seconded by Bill Dunlap. Motion approved.
- Request from Riverview for five (5) complete sets of turnout gear. Request was approved provided they furnish the names of the firefighters receiving the gear and they meet the policy guidelines.
- Request from Lesslie FD for three (3) pagers. Request approved.

- Request from the Department of Fire Safety for replacement equipment for the spare pumper: hose, nozzles, foam tube and nozzle. Motion approved.
- Request to buy a new digital recorder for recording meetings. Motion approved.
- Bill Dunlap asked that the pictures of each fire station at the Fire Training Center be updated and that each department provide a digital file picture of their station(s) to Department of Fire Safety staff.

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

Chief Don Love, Bethel FD, stated that under the new training guidelines turnout gear should still be approved after completing 1152.

Chief Carl Faulk, Newport FD stated that the Fire Board may need to allow more funds for training, to allow fire departments to have more classes and meet the new standard more quickly.

Training Officer Gary Starnes explained the benefit of having classes through the SC Fire Academy, which saves us money because their classes are funded through grants.

Chief David Jennings, Flint Hill FD, asked if the option of buying more pumpers from the same bid needed to be put in the specifications or the bid proposal. This is a suggestion for the equipment committee to look at.

Assistant Chief Wayne Reeves, Lesslie Fire Department, asked if a less expensive recorder could be bought. Department of Fire Safety staff is to research and find a recorder equal to the item proposed, but at a better price.

Wayne Reeves also asked to check to make sure motions to buy portable radios was not done twice.

Wayne Reeves' last comment was to ask what are fold down seats and do we need them in the new pumpers. It was explained that we had gotten them in the last pumpers.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickey 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 Chairman Hord does not vote on any action of the Board of Rural Fire Control unless there is a tie in the vote.