

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 22, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, March 22, 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, with the exception of David Hord and Steve Skinnell.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, and Anna Moore.

**Kenny Gilfillan, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.**

**Frank Duncan opened the meeting with prayer.**

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

David Jennings, Chief of Flint Hill Fire Department

Chief Jennings asked if the Board would take exception to the NFPA rear chevron colors, to make theirs on the new pumper blue & white. Frank Duncan made a motion to allow this change, providing county staff check with the county attorney to see if there were any legal issues that prevented this action. Carl Faulk seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**Kenny Gilfillan, Vice Chairman**

Minutes of February 23, 2012, meeting were approved .

**Finance Committee Report:**

**Steve Skinnell, Chairman**

All members of the Board received a copy of the Finance Report.  
Members of the Board would like to have a report printed the day of the board meeting, and discontinue sending it with the other information so it will have up-to date balances.

**Equipment Committee Report:**

**Bill Dunlap, Chairman**

Motion from the Equipment Committee to seek bids for a grass truck chassis for Bullocks Creek Fire Dept.  
Tommy Carroll seconded the motion.  
Discussion of why we don't spec with diesel engines. An explanation was given regarding higher pricing and other previous orders.  
All were in favor of the motion.  
Pagers need to be replaced and the number of pagers provided was not accurate, so the board asked all departments to furnish the Department of Fire Safety an inventory of all pagers still in-service with serial numbers starting with the number 169.  
Motion from the committee to ask each department for the information.  
All were in favor of the motion.

**Accident Review Committee:**

**Larry Williams, Chairman**

The new policy was passed at the February meeting. As part of this policy some accidents will require a Drug / Alcohol test of the fire apparatus driver and a procedure is being developed to be given to each department.

**Training Committee:**

**Gary Starnes**

Information was given regarding cancelled classes and repairs are being made to the training tower.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

*Request from Departments*

*McConnells Fire Department requests Turnout Pants, Turnout Coat and Size 14 boots.*

*It was discussed that their intention of the request was for a full set.*

*Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve only what was listed on the letter and if other items are needed, send in another request. Tommy Carroll seconded the motion.*

*All were in favor of the motion.*

*Fort Mill Fire Department requests that if and when a larger engine becomes available, the board would consider allowing them to trade for the larger engine.*

*This request was taken as information.*

*Riverview FD requests (3) full sets of Turnout Gear and requests that they be allowed to purchase Globe from MES and pay the difference in cost. They also request helmets and to add borques to each helmet and they will pay the cost of the borques.*

*Frank Duncan made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Bill Dunlap.*

*All were in favor of the motion.*

*Bethesda FD requests (2) full sets of turnout gear for members.*

*Motion to approve by Frank Duncan, with a second from Melvin Abernethy.*

*All were in favor of the motion. Larry Williams abstained from the vote.*

*Request from Hickory Grove Fire Department for (2) complete sets of Turnout Gear.*

*Motion to approve by Tommy Carroll with a second by Frank Duncan.*

*All were in favor of the Motion.*

*Request to approve contract for maintenance/service of the new compressor at Hickory Grove to maintain the warranty. Contract is for one year; check to see if they will do a five year for the same price per year. If not, do the one year with renewal each year up to five years.*

*Motion by Carl Faulk, seconded by Larry Williams.*

*All were in favor of the motion.*

Letter read from Lando Fire Department thanking the board for the donated grass truck.

Discussed the proposal from Protec on doing a Master Fire Plan.

To do a master plan it would have to be sent out for bids, utilizing the purchase process to select a company.

A motion was made by Carl Faulk to have as many workshops as needed with board members to come up with goals and ideas on what to ask for, to be looked at in a master plan. Include input from fire chiefs.

Seconded by Larry Williams.

All were in favor of the motion.

Kenny showed a Fire Ext by Cold Fire and request we get more information.

Anna Moore gave a report on the County Council's action toward the new training center. Council authorized staff to look at sites for a training center and determine what is best suited.

Frank Duncan spoke of members using grass truck for travel to training and suggests looking at other provisions to compensate members for travel expenses for gas.

This was taken as information.

Carl Faulk asked if there was an updated report on the new engines.  
Still on target for delivery date. They may request to put them in the SC fire show. They were told to send a letter requesting this to the board.

**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.