

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

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, March 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, with the exception of Steve Skinnell and Bill Dunlap.

Members of several fire departments were present.
Representing County staff: 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:

Mrs. Neely Swofford, Cherokee Technology Center: Addressed the Board with her need of the surplus engine for teaching students firefighting skills.

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of February 24, 2011, meeting were approved by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Larry Williams and all voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Steve Skinnell, Chairman

No Report given.

Equipment Committee Report:

Gene Thomas, Chairman

Update given on the pumper bids: Truck bid sent to Mike Burns to look over before sending out. It will be for (4) engines. There will be pre-bid meeting with all interested vendors who wish to bid on April 12, 2011, at 10:00 AM at the purchasing conference room. This date may be rescheduled if needed. They will let Board members know if an alternate date is selected. A Board member needs to be present to answer any questions. It was suggested if Bill Dunlap is available, have him attend the meeting.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

From the last accident - reported the driver has taken the refresher course.

Training Committee: No Report

Foam Truck Committee No Report

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

Metal Shear for the shop: Motion to obtain bids for a 10ft shear with a ¼ inch capacity new metal shear.
Motion by Dennis Settlemyre to obtain bids. Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan. Motion Passed.

Boundary Line between HGFD and Smyrna FD:

The county attorney has advised the Board that they have the authority to authorize any changes in boundaries or areas of operation of a fire department.

An agreement was made between Hickory Grove Fire Department and Smyrna Fire Department to change some boundary lines to better define areas of coverage. This is done now by assigning parcels of land to fire districts and (6) parcels need to be changed to Hickory Grove and (5) needs to be changed to Smyrna. This will eliminate properties being divided by fire districts.

Motion to allow the change and authorize the proper agencies to make the change by Larry Williams. Seconded by Gene Thomas. All voted in favor of the motion. Kenny Gilfillan did not vote.

The following changes on map #1490000002, 1490000004, 1490000005, 1490000014, 1490000015, and 1490000016 to be changed to Hickory Grove Fire District

Map # 0960000006, 0960000012, 0960000013, 0960000020, and 0960000027 to be changed to Smyrna Fire District.

New Business:

Report given on the Fire Board Workshop and items from the agenda were reviewed.

Discussion on how to identify a firefighter's level of training is going to be referred to the Fire Chiefs for input.

Discussion of new training standards to be adopted by the State of South Carolina and SC OSHA

Motion by Dennis Settlemyre, Effective January 1, 2013, the fire board policy for minimum training for an interior firefighter and officers of a fire department be equal to that adopted by the State of South Carolina and SC OSHA

Seconded by Kenny Gilfillan Motion Approved

Review of the vehicle liability insurance up for renewal, and which vehicles are to be taken off.

Remove the Bethesda '86 KME Engine and keep the remainder till that unit is replaced.

Request from Flint Hill Fire Department for (3) sets of turnout gear.

Motion to approve the request made by Jerry Chapman. Seconded by Chris Thompson. Motion Approved.

Request from Cherokee Technology Center for donation of surplus pumper.

The pumper was already in the process of being donated by County Council to another agency, but will keep in mind for the future when we have other surplus engines.

Request from Bethel Fire Department for (1) set of turnout gear.

Add to the request a size 12 boots. Motion to approve by Chris Thompson. Seconded by Gene Thomas. Motion approved.

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for (3) sets of turnout gear and (3) pagers.

These fire members have not taken training yet and Bethesda cannot locate any gear to fit the members.

Currently, written Fire Board policy states members must have completed training before receiving gear.

A motion was made to approve this request with an exception to the policy in this instance due to not being able to locate gear to use. Seconded by Gene Thomas. In favor: Kenny Gilfillan, Chris Thompson, Gene Thomas. Jerry Chapman voted against the motion. Motion passed. Larry Williams did not vote.

Request from Hickory Grove Fire Department for (4) sets of turnout gear.

All members are trained and are currently in borrowed or mismatched gear.

Larry Williams made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Gene Thomas. Motion Passed.

Kenny Gilfillan did not vote.

Request from Lewis Fire Department to obtain the '86 KME Bethesda Engine.

Motion to recommend to the County Council to declare the '86 KME as surplus and donate to the Lewis Fire Dept., Chester Co., SC.

Motion by Gene Thomas, seconded by Larry Williams, motion passed by all in favor. Asst. County Manager Anna Moore will be notified of the action.

Request from York Fire Department .

To allow slide-outs to be placed on the new engine, with York FD paying all the costs of the items and the Dept. of Fire Safety doing the manufacturing.

Motion to approve by: Kenny Gilfillan. Seconded by Larry Williams. Motion approved.

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

Chief Charlie Love, Clover Fire Dept., spoke of new training standards and asked if the Fire Officer I class can be taught here in York County. He was told by the training officer of York County that it could be taught here in the county if scheduled.

Gene Thomas made a motion that no new special projects be started until after both new grass trucks are completed. Seconded by Larry Williams. Motion approved

Tommy White asked if someone could check Lesslie FD's grass unit where the paint is coming off. Department of Fire Safety Maintenance will check it.

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.