

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 26, 2006**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, October 26, 2006, 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.

The following Board members were present: Jim Zelenak, Dickey Pendleton, Christopher Thompson, Ron Helms, Gene Thomas, and Larry Williams.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman Jim Zelenak called the meeting to order.

Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:

Joey Simpson, Bethesda Fire Department, requested a Knox Box decoder for their department's engine #2, which will be moved to their substation #2. Fire Marshal Randy Thompson reported that all of the fire departments that have a second decoder, purchased it themselves. The Fire Marshal's staff will install the decoder if the fire department purchases the unit. The Board agreed that this has been their policy in the past.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the September 28, 2006, meeting, were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Robbins, Chairman

A monthly Finance Report was provided as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Jim Zelenak, Chairman

The bid proposal by Burns for two new grass truck chassis was approved by the County Council, and the Purchasing Department has ordered the trucks. (Oakdale & Hickory Grove) **Information only**
The bid proposal by C. W. Williams and Company for the new fire engine was approved by the County Council, and the Purchasing Department has ordered the fire engine. (McConnells) **Information only**
The new drop tank for the Clover FD has been delivered. **Information only**
The committee agreed to recommend that the Board assume the responsibility of the cost of batteries for fire apparatus. The fire departments have always been responsible for the batteries. If approved, this will be a new policy and the Board will not reimburse any fire department for previous purchases of batteries. Being a recommendation from a committee, a second is not necessary. The Board unanimously approved this motion. Bethesda FD's request for the Fire Prevention Bureau to extend the front bumper of their fire engine was withdrawn.
The Board approved a recommendation from the committee to purchase 6 pagers for the Riverview Fire

Department.

The committee agreed to recommend that the Board approve having the cab painted to match the paint scheme of the Oakdale Fire Department's trucks. Being a recommendation from a committee, a second is not necessary.

The Board unanimously approved this motion.

The Oakdale Fire Department would like to have an LED light bar installed on their new grass fire truck. The Fire Marshal has purchased a new three rotator light bar for the truck. The committee asked the Fire Marshal to hold that light bar for the next grass fire truck. The committee agreed to recommend that the Board approve reimbursement to the Oakdale Fire Department for the amount of the county provided light bar, \$502 toward the cost of an LED light bar. Being a recommendation from a committee, a second is not necessary. The Board unanimously approved this motion.

Chief Gilfillan, Hickory Grove FD, brought to the committee's attention that the Riverview FD had added cabinets below the body on their new grass truck. There was a considerable amount of discussion concerning adding the cabinets to the trucks. The committee agreed that the design of the truck should not be changed. The committee also agreed to recommend that the Board adopt a policy so that any modifications to the design or additions that effect the operations of and/or appearance to county owned trucks must be approved by the Board. The Board requested the Fire Marshal reword the new policy to state that any modifications to the design or additions that effect the operations of and/or appearance to county owned trucks that are not completed by Fire Prevention personnel must be approved by the Board. The Board will discuss the new policy at the next Board meeting.

The Board approved the purchase of one set of PPE and three pagers for the Smyrna FD.

Accident Review Committee:

Doug Morris, Chairman

The Bethesda FD tanker struck a York County Sheriff's car causing \$2,300 damage. The Board agreed to pay the repair cost.

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

New Business:

Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:

No one appeared.

The meeting adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Randy S. Thompson
Fire Marshal

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.