

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, October 27, 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 Melvin Abernethy and Steve Skinnell.

Members of several fire departments were present.
Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Mike Burns, Daniel Funderburk, and Anna Moore.

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:

Sam Lesslie, Chief of the Riverview Fire Department.
Chief Lesslie request the Board fund \$4,500.00 to complete a project started by the Fire Chiefs Assoc. This is to provide materials used for a firefighter funeral and will be available to any department of the county in the event of a firefighter death. A trailer will house all items needed for a firefighter funeral.
Bill Dunlap made a motion to provide the funds needed.
Larry Williams seconded the motion.
Money from the 1211-42240-741 account will be used for this.
All were in favor of the motion.

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of September 22, 2011, meeting was approved by a motion from Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Tommy Carroll and all voted in favor of the motion.
A question was asked if the minutes of the August meeting had been corrected.
They have been corrected and are posted on the Fire Safety web site under Fire Board Actions for August 2011.

Finance Committee Report:

Steve Skinnell, Chairman

No Report.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

Foam:

In the event we change foam vendors a certified letter may be needed to ask the current vendor what he wants to do with the current stock and give that vendor a deadline.
Carl Faulk discussed the demo we had and expressed concerns with the foam that was used in the demonstration.
Recommendation in the form of a motion to do more demos and check on the Ar-AFFF from Safe industries.
All were in favor of the motion.

Discussed the PPE (Non-Structural):

It was asked about the liability of having 2 sets and if the wrong gear was used and someone got hurt.
It was discussed to possibly write a Best Practice Guideline.
Equipment Committee recommends in a motion to look further into the turnout gear policy and develop specifications for this type of gear. All were in favor of the motion.

Continued:

Gas Monitors:

We continue to have problems with the current gas monitors we have at each department.

1. How much warranty is left?
2. What does it cover?
3. Are there any other types that are easier to use?
4. Is it possible to have demos on other types?

Motion from the Equipment Committee to look into single gas monitors to replace the current ones that the warranty expires April of 2012.

All were in favor of the motion.

Mike Burns gave a report on the ladder truck for York and advised the Board they are still looking for a ladder truck. Colchester turned down the offer made at this time.

New pumpers on order.

They met with each department to get the colors matched and the lettering and graphics verified.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to have the old grass unit from Bethel FD declared surplus and sent to the county auction.

All were in favor of this motion.

Request from DFS staff to replace the generator on York Engine 4, which is not cost efficient to repair.

Equipment Committee recommends to replace the generator.

All were in favor of this motion.

Request from DFS staff to replace the generator on Smyrna Service 1 which is not cost efficient to repair.

It has rust in the tank and a tank is 1/3 the cost of a generator and may not fix the problem if one can be found.

Equipment Committee recommends to replace the generator.

All were in favor of this motion.

SCBA Compressor:

The Equipment Committee recommends in the form of a motion to recommend to the County Council to accept low bid from Safe Air Systems for a Bauer System to replace the old system at Hickory Grove Fire Department.

All present were in favor of the motion with 2 abstaining from the vote: Bill Dunlap, Kenny Gilfillan.

Grass Truck Chassis:

The Equipment Committee recommends in the form of a motion to recommend to the County Council to accept low bid from Magic City Motors for the Grass Truck Chassis that will replace a grass truck at Newport Fire Department.

Newport Fire Department has the option of adding to the cost, at their expense, to have a (4) door chassis. They will let staff know if they wish to add this option before the order is placed.

The motion was approved.

Equipment:

The Equipment Committee recommends in the form of a motion to have each department who is receiving a new pumper on order, to submit a list of equipment to be purchased by funds allotted in the budget, not to exceed \$32,500.00, including tax and shipping. This list needs to be back to Dept. of Fire Safety by November 15th, 2011, by 5.00 pm or sooner if possible. Also it is requested that brand and/or part numbers be provided.

The motion was approved.

This was the end of the Equipment Committee Report.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

One accident to report involving a Newport District Truck where the top compartment door was left up and while exiting the station it pulled down the bay door. The driver was Tommy Carroll. Chief Carl Faulk said he was at fault for leaving the door up and upon Tommy closing all side doors before moving the truck he was unable to see the top door up and it has no warning indicator. The damage was covered by the department's insurance and the truck was not damaged. The Accident Review Committee recommends no further action be taken. And the driver, with approval of the chief of the department, is allowed to return to driving apparatus.

Motion approved with Tommy Carroll abstaining from voting.

At next month's Board meeting the Accident Review Committee will have its recommendations for updating policy's concerning accidents involving fire apparatus.

Training Committee: No Report

Foam Truck Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Request from Sharon Fire Department for matching funds for a Forestry Grant:

Motion to approve by Bill Dunlap.

All were in favor of the motion.

Request from Hickory Grove for matching funds for a Forestry Grant:

Motion to approve by Larry Williams.

All were in favor of the motion.

Kenny Gilfillan abstained from the vote.

Request from Oakdale Fire Dept. for matching funds for a Forestry Grant:

Motion to approve by Larry Williams.

All were in favor of the motion.

Bill Dunlap abstained from the vote.

Clover requests 2 full sets of fire gear for Fred Taylor and Johnny Neelands who are FFI certified.

Motion to approve provide they meet the guidelines by Bill Dunlap.

All were in favor of the motion.

(At the time of the meeting the letter of request was not available, but both members on the letter meet the guidelines)

Smyrna requests 1 full set of fire gear for David Wray who is FFI certified.

Motion to approve provide they meet the guidelines by Kenny Gilfillan.

All were in favor of the motion.

(At the time of the meeting the letter of request was not available, but the member on the letter met the guidelines)

Oakdale Fire Department requests that their generator at Station 2 be taken into the maintenance program .

Larry Williams made the motion to accept the generator into the program.

All were in favor of the motion.

Bill Dunlap abstained from voting.

Announcements:

Next Board meeting will be on November 17, 2011, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Look into the annual banquet for January 30, 2012, at Bethelwoods.

Check and get prices from the caterer used last year.
Review the guest list to make sure no one is left off.

Check with Flint Hill for their honor guard to see if they are available and provide for a meal for them also.

Reminder of the Fire Board workshop on November 2nd, 2011, at the York County Complex at 6:00 pm.

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

Tommy White asked if the Board is still looking into standardizing helmet colors.

He was told it would be a topic at the Fire Board workshop.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Funderburk

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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.