

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 25, 2013**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday April 25, 2013, 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 Tommy Carroll.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, Billy Weatherford, Director of Fire Safety and Anna Moore, Interim County Manager

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer:

Presented by Frank Duncan

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

None

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Motion to approve the minutes of March 28th as read, was made by Kenny Gilfillan and seconded.

All were in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Carroll, Chairman

A monthly finance report was provided to all members for review.

There was a question of a purchase from Zoll Medical; it was for the new engines.

A brief report was given on the 2013-2014 budgets. The board's budget was reviewed by the Finance Director, who made adjustments to areas as needed and advised no cuts were necessary.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

The equipment committee recommends approval of a request from Clover FD for (1) complete set of turnout gear for firefighter Scott Moses who is an interior firefighter; this is replacement gear.

All members of the board present were in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request was approved.

The equipment committee recommends approval of a request from Bethesda FD for (1) complete set of turnout gear for firefighter William Noles who is a certified fighter.

All members of the board present were in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request was approved. Wayne Searcy abstained from the vote.

The equipment committee recommends approval of a request from Oakdale FD for (4) complete sets of turnout gear for firefighters Mark Price, David Frye, Brown Simpson and Keith Pruet. All are certified and this is replacement gear.

All members of the board present were in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request was approved. Bill Dunlap abstained from the vote.

The equipment committee recommends approval of a request from Fire Safety for (1) complete set of turnout gear for the Director of Fire Safety, Billy Weatherford.

All members of the board present were in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request was approved.

There was a discussion of helmet colors. The policy of the board is non-interior certified firefighters must wear a blue helmet.

The board requested that a questionnaire be sent asking the following:

How many active members fall under this policy?

How many blue helmets does your department currently have?

If not in use would you be willing to put in a supply cache for use by departments as needed?

Return back to the board one week before the next meeting.

Information was given on the two (2) new engines: Preconstruction conference meeting is on May 2, 2013.

Accident Review Committee:

Carl Faulk, Chairman

No report; there have not been any accidents.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Training Officer

Gave a report on monthly training activities:

ISO update; planning for an update seminar for this region in July or August of 2013.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

No Report.

There will be a committee meeting on Monday, April 29, 2013, at 1:00 pm with the architect at the YCFTC.

Old Business:

Memo sent regarding seat belt use policy to all fire departments as directed by the board.

Clarification on helmet holders in engines: The board directs that the holders be mounted at the factory.

Surplus Ladder: Billy Weatherford, Director of Fire Safety, asked the board to consider keeping it for training purposes after an in service ladder got damaged during training, and to use it as a spare during annual maintenance of ladders, which usually keep them out of service for a week at a time.

It will be asked if ISO points are awarded for having a spare/reserve, and also check on equipment needed to keep on it and the cost of equipping it. Cost of insurance and maintenance was provided.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to ask council to retain the truck as a spare as they have already declared it surplus.

It was seconded by Kenny Gilfillan.

All members present approved the motion.

The shop service vehicle cannot be approved in time to meet the manufacturer cutoff date.

There was a motion by Al Waddell to request the money be held over in the 2013-2014 budget to complete this purchase.

There was a second by Wayne Searcy.

All members present were in favor of this motion.

New Business:

Request from Sharon Fire Department to cover Sharon members with Worker's Comp insurance at a total of 34 members; there was also a letter from the Town of Sharon endorsing this.

This request will be tabled till the May 2013 meeting so more information can be obtained.

Request to keep their current pumper as a reserve when the new engine arrives.

Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to approve this request.

This was seconded by Frank Duncan.

All members present were in favor of this motion.

Smyrna Fire Department requests that they be allowed to have an AM-FM Weather band radio installed in the new engine and they will pay the cost.

Kenny Gilfillan made the motion to approve this request.

This was seconded by Frank Duncan.

All members present were in favor of this motion.

Request from Bethesda Fire Department to have the board request York County Council declare their grass truck surplus that is being replaced and to transfer ownership to Bethesda Fire Dept.; they will provided all maintenance and insurance.

Frank Duncan made a motion to approve this request.

Al Waddell seconded the motion.

All members present were in favor of this motion.

Wayne Searcy abstained from voting

Request from Bethesda Fire Department for (5) new pagers for new members:

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve this request.

Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion.

All members present were in favor of this motion.

Wayne Searcy abstained from voting.

Wayne Searcy discussed an idea of having a surplus equipment room for extra turnout gear and equipment that departments may have; an inventory maintained and departments utilize equipment or gear as needed.

This was referred to the equipment committee. Wayne Searcy will assist the committee on this item.

Announcements: None

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

Ken Belk, Chief of Bullocks Creek FD, for clarification of the blue helmet policy.

As part of hose testing nozzles are also to be tested and (2) testers are needed.

Carl Faulk made the motion to purchase the (2) testers.

Seconded by Bill Dunlap.

All were in favor of the motion.

Nozzles may be tested during the annual pump test.

All members of the board were reminded of the convention at Myrtle Beach from June 10th to 15th, 2013, and a list of members who wish to attend was created.

Election of Officers of the Board:

Chairman of the Board David Hord nominated by Bill Dunlap with a second by Al Waddell.
Carl Faulk moved that the nomination be closed.
All were in favor of the nomination.

Vice-Chairman Wayne Searcy nominated by Frank Duncan.
Seconded by Al Waddell.
Carl Faulk moved that the nomination be closed.
All were in favor of the nomination

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Wilson
Senior Fire Prevention Technician

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.