

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 25, 2016**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at the Anna K. Hubbard 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.

Board members present: Tommy Carroll, Frank Duncan, Oliver Dowdle, Johnny Boyd, Bruce Byrnes, and Omar Kasso.

Members of several fire departments were present.
Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, and Billy Weatherford

Chairman Tommy Carroll called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: **Given by Frank Duncan**

Persons on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

Jeff Nash of the Flint Hill FD gave information on a class the fire service may be interested in hosting called Nozzle Forward.
2 instructors to teach the class is \$2,500.00 + airfare & lodging max is 16-20 students
3 instructors to teach the class is \$3,500.00 + airfare & lodging

Reading of the Minutes: **Tommy Carroll, Board Chairman**

Minutes of the July 2016, meeting
Motion to approve by Frank Duncan, with a second by Oliver Dowdle
All were in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report: **Bruce Byrnes, Committee Chairman**

Bruce Byrnes gave a monthly financial report.
Was taken as information

Equipment Committee Report: **Frank Duncan, Committee Chairman**

Request from departments to add subscriptions to Active 911
Recommendation to approve, all were in favor
Request from Sharon FD for a Base Station radio for their substation
Recommendation to approve; all were in favor; Oliver Dowdle abstained from the vote
Request from Lesslie FD to add automatic chains to Lesslie E-1
Request to add a mount for stokes basket to Lesslie Ladder 1
Recommendation to approve both requests; all were in favor; Johnny Boyd abstained from the vote
Request from Bethel FD to keep E-3 when replaced in 2017
Request from Bethel FD to keep Bethel T-1 when replaced in 2017
Recommendation to table the requests will be addressed at a later date.

Accident Review Committee: **Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman**

All accidents to review were minor, and no meeting was held.
A meeting of the committee will be held prior to the September 22, 2016, meeting

Training Committee: **Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer**

Gary Starnes gave a report on the monthly training classes completed, cancelled, and scheduled

Joint Training Center Committee: **David Jennings, Committee Chairman**

Billy Weatherford gave a report on the training center
Pads poured, assembling a storage building; pump test pit cleaned and ready for use.

Old Business:

Items out for bid

Pumper Bids to be opened soon

Update on changing to a more enhanced firefighter physical.

It was presented at the chief's meeting and the majority of the departments were in favor of looking into a better physical. A committee will be appointed with board members and members of the Fire Chiefs Association to continue research and development of a more enhanced program.

Request has been made for fire departments to submit insurance rosters by the end of August

A notice has been sent to all departments

Turnout gear bid was approved by York County Council & an Open PO issued

This was taken as information

New Business:

Request to restock the Fire Prevention Materials

Motion by Oliver Dowdle to purchase items needed for Fire Prevention, with a second from Frank Duncan

All were in Favor

A motion was made by Oliver Dowdle to give each department \$3,000.00 for equipment, with the stipulation that those who have not purchased a Hydrogen Cyanide Monitor purchase it with part of this money. Bruce Byrnes seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Executive Session:

Announcements:

Tommy Carroll welcomes new member Omar Kasso to the board

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

Dominic Manera spoke of the Firefighter Retirement System and pointed out some problems he had encountered.

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.