

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 27, 2015**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, August 23, 2015, at the York County Fire Training Center at 7:00 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

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Billy Weatherford, David Larson, Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, and Mike Burns.

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer:

Given by Frank Duncan

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

No one requested to appear

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Board Chairman

Minutes of the July 23, 2015, meeting

Minutes of the August 6, 2015, meeting

Motion by Tommy Carroll to approve both as read

Seconded by Oliver Dowdle

All were in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman

Tommy Carroll gave a report on the monthly finance printout each member received and was taken as information

Bethany has applied for a Forestry Grant and requests matching funds of \$2,680.00; money was in the current budget for grants. This was taken as information

Equipment Committee Report:

Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman

Recommendation to allow the shop to change out the warning lights on the Newport Truck

All were in favor of the motion. Carl Faulk and Tommy Carroll did not vote.

Recommendation to approve the request from Lesslie Fire Dept. for (2) complete sets of turnout gear

All were in favor of the motion.

Recommendation to approve the request from Hickory Grove for a helmet, boots, gloves & flash hood

All were in favor of the motion.

Request from Lesslie Fire Department to swap service trucks. This was taken as information and the committee will research and check with Fort Mill on the need by them for the truck. A letter will be requested from Fort Mill stating they no longer need the truck if that is the answer they give. Also, gather more information on the Lesslie Truck before making a recommendation.

Several requests were received to keep or obtain a surplus tanker.

Recommendation from the committee to put all requests on hold.

All were in favor of the motion.

Billy Weatherford gave an update on the KME trucks on order. On Sept 10, 2015, KME will be here to go over the graphics & lettering for the trucks. All is still on schedule. 1st engine due January 2016, next (3) due by end of March 2016.

Accident Review Committee:

Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman

There was (1) accident involving a Newport Grass Unit that was hit in a parking lot. It was a "no fault of the driver" accident and the recommendation that no further action be taken as there was no damage to the Newport Grass Truck

Bethesda Tanker is still to be repaired; parts need to be ordered.

Firefighters who have not completed the driver refresher as recommended by the action of the board are still on non-driving status.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer

Gary Starnes gave a report of the monthly training activities.

Bruce Byrnes gave information of a special training session on Interior Benchmarking requested to be hosted in York County in 2016 at the new training center.

A motion was made by Carl Faulk to have the Fire Board host and pay for the training. The motion was amended to put the class on for as many as needed to present to all who wish to attend.

This was seconded

All were in favor of the motion.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Billy Weatherford gave the following information:

Tentative deadline for completion is December 2015; the contractor hopes to be completed by November.

The current construction is within budget and may end with being just under the budget.

Physicals Committee: No Report

Old Business:

Medal of Valor Committee update:

Wayne Searcy gave a report from the meeting that was held and the progress on selection of awards & medals to be given.

Review of the Fire Board meeting on the policies changes:

Questions in wording of some parts of the policy were referred to the county attorney.

ISO evaluated 4 departments:

Bethel, Bullocks Creek, Newport, and Bethesda all have been completed with a 6-8 month time for results.

Rosters from the Fire Departments have been turned in as requested. Fort Mill was not on the Excel format as requested.

Darrell Hood of VFIS spoke on insurance coverage of Junior Firefighters.

New Business:

Renewal of Active 911

Send letter to all departments requesting usage # and any that can be reduced

Motion by Tommy Carroll to renew the Active 911

Seconded by Wayne Searcy

All were in favor of the motion

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

David Jennings asked about the naming of the training center after Anna Moore

David Larson stated that the family requested it be Anna K. Hubbard Fire Training Center and was presented to County Council

Oliver Dowdle asked if the replacement on the board has been selected. David Larson will follow-up on this.

Tommy White, Chief of Lesslie FD asked the time frame of the decision for swapping service trucks.

Announcements:

None

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.