

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 18, 2014**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday December 18, 2014, 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.

Members of the Board present were; David Hord, Tommy Carroll, Wayne Searcy, Bill Dunlap, Al Waddell, Oliver Dowdle, Frank Duncan, Carl Faulk

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, and Mike Burns, Anna Moore, Asst. County Manager, Billy Weatherford, Director of Fire Safety, Bill Shanahan, County Manager, Michael Kendree, County Attorney

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:

None

Reading of the Minutes: **David Hord, Board Chairman**

Motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014 meeting

Motion to approve by Tommy Carroll seconded by Oliver Dowdle

All was in favor of the motion.

Executive Session: The meeting was adjourned into executive session.

Call back to order following executive session with no action taken

Finance Committee Report: **Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman**

Information was given on the monthly Finance Report and taken as information.

A letter was received from Oakdale Fd on their intent to apply for grants and asked that matching money be included in the 2015-2016 budget for matching funds. This will be given to the Finance Committee for consideration during the budget process.

Equipment Committee Report: **Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman**

1st item New pumpers KME will have the first of 4 completed in 330 days over will start the penalty the last 3 will be completed in 390 days over will start the penalty of the contract. They cannot ask for any extensions.

Recommendation from the equipment committee to move forward with purchasing the trucks from KME

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion.

The policy regarding radio replacement when lost or damaged is being reviewed and will be discussed at the next meeting

Request from Bethany FD for 2 sets of gear for members Tim Gordon and Ben Gillespie. Recommendation from the committee to approve these 2 sets.

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion.

Request to purchase 30 replacement pagers to be used for repairs & replacements. Recommendation from the committee to approve this request.

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion.

Recommendation to remove the policy on page 14 under Repairs to Equipment, The Board approved a policy to that the individual

fire departments are responsible for repairs to pagers if the pager is not covered under warranty.
All was in favor of this recommendation as a motion. It will be updated during the other policy revisions.

Request for generator to be replaced on Bethany's 2nd engine. After discussion it was determined it would be cheaper to replace the scene lights with the new 12 volt led and eliminate the generator. Recommendation from the committee to add 12 volt led lighting not exceeding \$2000.00.

All was in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request to let all fire departments know that all expendable items for AEDs will be the responsibility of the department to purchase as needed. Pads & Batteries. Fire Safety can supply names of vendors to purchase from upon request.

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion.

Need to supply list of equipment to Fire Safety for the Newport and Flint Hill Engines so pricing quotes and ordering can be done.

Need to obtain quotes and order the SCBA previously approved for Sharon FD for the new pumper.

Request Fire Safety to obtain information on Gear extractors and dryers that was approved for purchase in last year's budget.

Recommendation from the committee to delay the start of tanker replacement until the new shop is in operation.

All was in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Suggested to develop a Ladder truck replacement plan. This was referred to Fire Safety Staff for information.

The Finance committee Chairman, Tommy Carroll will check with the county finance director to see if a replacement line item account can be established so the amounts being encumbered each year can be verified.

Accident Review Committee:

Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman

Bethel accident involving Engine 1 striking the station:

Recommendation that the driver complete an EVDT refresher within the next 3 months

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion

Bethesda accident involving the county grass truck

Recommendation from the committee to keep the driver suspended from driving and county vehicle or any Bethesda vehicle that is maintained in the county system until the driver meets with the board to explain the accident

All was in favor of the recommendation as a motion.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Training Officer

All departments have completed EVDT refresher for 2014, 2 departments need to send roster for verification.

The new SC Fire Academy catalog for January-June 2015 is online for training.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

A report on the progress of the construction was given and a short slide program.

Physical Committee: No Report

Old Business:

The 3 reading to revise the ordinance of the Board of Rural Fire Control has passed and now the policies need to be updated.

All arrangements for the Chiefs Banquet have been taken care of. The banquet will be January 26, 2015 at Bethelwoods

Wills Workshop: This has temporarily been put on hold.

New Business:

All was covered under old business or committees.

Announcements:

There will be a fire board workshop held on January 15th, 2015 at the Heckle Complex

Ground breaking ceremony will be held on January 9th, 2015 at 3.00 pm for the new Training Center

Reminder to all departments who are applying for grants and will request matching funding from the board during the 2015-2016 budget, please submit the amount to the board finance committee by the February 2015.

This is not a guarantee that all of the matching money requested will be funded

FDIC will be in April Board will look at funding as this budget was cut by ½ .

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

Kevin Hayes gave information to the board that Mcconnells Fd received a VFA forestry grant and would be requesting the matching funds. A notice of intent to apply was given to finance committee in February of 2014

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickey Wilson
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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.