

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

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday February 26, 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, sixteen fire departments, and to the members of the media. Notices were also forwarded to individuals who had requested copies.

Board members present: David Hord, Tommy Carroll, David Faile, Frank Duncan, Carl Faulk, Oliver Dowdle, Johnny Boyd, Bruce Byrnes, and Wayne Searcy.

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

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: **Given by David Faile**

Persons not on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:
None

Reading of the Minutes: **David Hord, Board Chairman**
Minutes of the January 25, 2016, meeting
Motion to approve as written was made by Oliver Dowdle
Seconded by Tommy Carroll
All were in favor

Finance Committee Report: **Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman**
Discussion of the monthly finance report:
Discussion of the 2016-2017 Budget
Memorandum on the budget sent by Beth Latham
Send out a reminder for departments that will be requesting matching funds for grants in 2016-2017 budget to let Finance Committee know how much will be requested

Equipment Committee Report: **Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman**
Request from Bethesda Fire Department for (2) complete sets of turnout gear
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor; Wayne Searcy abstained from the vote
Request from Riverview Fire Department for (2) complete sets of turnout gear
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Request from Clover Fire Department for (1) complete set of turnout gear
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Request from McConnells Fire Department for (1) complete set of turnout gear
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Request from Bethesda Fire Department to retain their current tanker when theirs is replaced
Received as information

Request from Sharon Fire Department for radios for the new engine
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
(2) Portables; have a mobile to go in the apparatus
All were in favor; Oliver Dowdle abstained from the vote.

Discussion of purchasing slides for trays on the new engines
Purchase slides and the Board pay for the slides
Also pay for slides in the future as needed for new apparatus
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Discussion of Engine Specifications to be sent out for bids
Changes have been made to reflect the current purchase and clarification of wording
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Update and discussion on Tanker specifications
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Update on metal brake
Table this discussion until more information can be obtained

Request to purchase a SCBA cylinder rack for shop
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Discussion of radios taken from apparatus declared surplus
When current spare apparatus are declared surplus and given to requesting departments or sold, the radios, mobile and portables assigned to the apparatus will be returned to Fire Board to be reused as needed.
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve.
All were in favor.

Accident Review Committee:

Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman

Accident involving (2) York Fire Department Apparatus

Recommendation from the Accident Review Committee to accept as information
All were in favor of this.

Accident involving a Newport Apparatus and a Bethesda Apparatus

Recommendation to receive this accident as a 'not at fault' accident and for the Fire Board to pay the cost of repairs to the Bethesda Service Truck.

All were in favor; Carl Faulk, Tommy Carroll, and Wayne Searcy abstained from the vote

It was also discussed to add to the Driver Refresher Training to increase awareness to bad weather and using alternate means of operation in bad weather such as ice and snow conditions.

Accident involving a Flint Hill Apparatus

Recommendation from the committee that this be an 'at fault' accident and the driver be required to take a Driver Refresher Course within the next (3) months. The driver is allowed to continue driving and Flint Hill will pay for damage.

All were in favor

Accident with Riverview Engine 2

The windshield developed a crack and it is unknown when or where

Recommendation from the committee that this be a 'not at fault' accident

The insurance company is contacted to replace this windshield.

All were in favor

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer

First class to be held at the new training center

An EVDT class starts the following weekend

Also requests for the next six months training to be turned in if you would like to host or see a class conducted.

Benchmark class is being rescheduled.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Billy Weatherford gave a report

Concrete can't be poured until weather dries up

Contractor still completing the punch list

Physicals Committee:

No Report

Old Business:

Chiefs Banquet Monday Feb 29, 2016

New Business:

None

Executive Session:

Not needed

Announcements:

None

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

Items not on the Agenda:

Sharon Fire Department requests funding to start for new substation

Tommy Carroll with notify Beth Latham at Finance

Lost Radio at Fort Mill

Equipment committee will meet and review the policy

Request to proceed to obtain quotes for the equipment Bethel FD will be allowed to purchase with the new engine in this year's budget

Motion by Wayne Searcy

Seconded by Oliver Dowdle

All were in favor

Review of the Plaque design for the main entrance

Check with Ben Montgomery and see if he wants his name or company name added before ordering as presented to the Board

Motion made by Tommy Carroll

Seconded by Frank Duncan

All were in favor

Billy Weatherford thanked all on the Awards Committee for the job they did and the awards are on display that will be given out at the banquet.

Bricks at the 9/11 Memorial was referred to the Awards Committee to develop a procedure for having the bricks engraved.

Request to get an additional Firefighter of the Year plaque

Tommy Carroll made a motion to purchase

It received a second

All were in favor

Carl gave a report on the Fire Chiefs Workshop:

Came up with (5) objectives:

- *Paid Firefighters
- *Volunteer incentives such as pay per call
- *Countywide water
- *Developing and maintaining specialized teams
- *Maintain apparatus replacement plan

Tim Gordon and Bruce Byrnes will develop an outline from these objectives to present to the chiefs in March

Fire Chiefs Assoc. Fire Alarm Comm. will meet on March 7th at 4:30 pm at Newport FD

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.