

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 27, 2014**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday February 27, 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.

(8) members of the Board were present; with Melvin Abernethy being absent.

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

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 January 23, 2014, Board meeting
Minutes of February 10, 2014, Special Board meeting
Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to accept both minutes as written
Frank Duncan seconded the motion
All members present were in favor of the motion

Finance Committee Report: Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman
A meeting will be scheduled to work on the 2014-2015 budget
Recommendation from the committee to allow each department to spend up to \$3,000.00 for equipment, with the list to be turned in to Fire Safety by March 27, 2014.
All were in favor of the motion.
All departments are requested to submit to the Finance Committee the amount of matching funds your department will be requesting from the Board during the 2014-2015 budget; need to have to Finance Committee by the March 13th Chiefs meeting; forward to Tommy Carroll or Fire Safety.

Equipment Committee Report: Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman
There was a discussion of the turnout gear out for bids and a question of the wording on item 3.1; does that require us to have to buy that many sets before July. Staff will check with Purchasing. Also, a question was asked if bids for turnout gear bids could be for multiple years if specified. Staff will inquire if this is within Purchasing Ordinances.
McConnells FD requested (5) pagers. This was referred to the Equipment Committee and the Board requested more information from the departments on amount of pagers initially received, number of members, number of members on multiple departments, and number of additional pagers purchased in the past.

Accident Review Committee: Al Waddell, Committee Chairman

No Report
A meeting will be scheduled for March

Training Committee: Gary Starnes, York county Training Officer

Gave a report on monthly training activities and Southeastern Fire School will be March 8-9, 2014.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

David Jennings and Ben Montgomery gave an updated report on the progress of the new Training Facility. There was a handout given to members of the board and information that making an alternate dispatch facility would change the classification of the building and increase cost. It was decided not to include this, which caused a reduction in some cost items that will not be needed now.

A recommendation from the Training Center Committee to allow upgrades to strengthen (3) frame rails to allow for an overhead hoist in the shop. And to upgrade the shop generator from a 60 KW to a 100 KW 3-phase to be used to run the machines in the shop that require 3-phase power. Duke Power is concerned that using the converters will cause surges in the area, affecting other customers.

This was taken as a motion and all members present were in favor of the motion.

The plans are to be submitted to the Building & Codes Department for review.

Physicals Committee:

Kenny Gilfillan, Committee Chairman

No report

Old Business:

The Bethesda portable radio issue was resolved based on Fire Board Policy.

Request for matching funds for Bethesda FD for FEMA grant was taken as information for finance committee.

Information on Forestry Grant to be applied for in the 2014-2015 budget from McConnells FD was taken as information.

Still have a request from Clover for turnout gear.

New Business:

“Innovapad” update: Staff is still gathering information; a meeting was held with company representatives

Request from McConnells Fire Dept. for pagers (was referred to equipment committee).

Request from Flint Hill Fire Dept. for turnout gear (3) sets (was referred to equipment committee).

FDIC - Motion to send up to (5) persons to the conference including Billy Weatherford, if his budget does not have funds for it.

It will be April 8-12, 2014; Tue.-Sat.

Carl Faulk made the motion

Al Waddell seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the motion.

Lifts Jacks for shop.

Need a minimum of (6)

Get more information and bring back to next meeting.

Executive Session:

No items for executive session

Announcements:

None

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

Jerry Williams spoke to the Board on the firefighter retirement and asked that they look into the delay in getting the funds moved to the account type that earns more interest. The last printout showed little gain.

Chief Domenic Manera asked about the insurance deductible on portable radios. All county radios are covered under a York County Policy which has a \$1,000.00 deductible.

Anna reminded all Board members to follow the Freedom of Information Act and give public notice when scheduling meetings.

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.