

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 25, 2015**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday June 25, 2015, 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 Wayne Searcy, Carl Faulk, Oliver Dowdle, Tommy Carroll, Frank Duncan, Johnny Boyd, and Michael Faile

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, Billy Weatherford, Anna Moore, and Michael Kendree
Councilmember Christi Cox

Vice-Chairman Wayne Searcy called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: **Frank Duncan**

Persons on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

Doug Morris, Deputy Chief, Lesslie Fire Dept.

Gave a report on the research done to determine which SCBAs they were purchasing with their federal grant and why they chose MSA.

Reading of the Minutes: **Wayne Searcy, Board Vice-Chairman**

Minutes of the May 28th, 2015 submitted to the board for approval.

Motion by Oliver Dowdle to approve as read. Seconded by Frank Duncan

All was in favor of the motion.

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

Tommy Carroll gave a report on the monthly finance report.

The 2015-2016 budget was approved after the budget committee made about \$18560.00 more cuts.

A copy of the new allocations for the departments operations was given out.

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

Recommendation to approve Sharon Fire Dept. request for a surplus 3000 gallon tank as one becomes available for their substation
All was in favor of the motion.

Oliver Dowdle abstained from the vote.

Recommendation to approve Flint Hill Fire Dept. to turn in the 2000 SFO pumper and keep the 1994 Central States pumper when the new engine on order arrives.

All was in favor of the motion.

Recommendation to allow the 2003 Ford F450 purchased by Newport FD to be added to the maintenance program.

All was in favor of the motion

Carl Faulk and Tommy Carroll abstained from the vote.

Recommendation to ask County Council to award the turnout gear bid to Newton's Fire & Safety. The low bidder Anderson Fire & Safety only offered a 2 year warranty and the board requested at least a 5 year warranty and Newton's warranty exceeds this. The difference in bids is Newton's is \$109.00 higher.

All was in favor of the motion.

Accident Review Committee:

Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman

Recommendation on the scratch on the Lesslie tanker is taken as information and no further action be taken at this time.
All was in favor of the motion.

Recommendation (on the accident involving the Bethesda Tanker), the driver remain suspended until he completes the EVDT driver refresher. And that the Department of Fire Safety shop supervisor proceeds to have the vehicle repaired. Per policy of the board Bethesda Fire Dept. will be responsible for the cost of the repair up to \$1000.00.
All was in favor of the motion

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Training Officer

Gary Starnes gave a report on the monthly training activities.
New courses are online for the July – Dec. members are encouraged to sign up for training.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Billy Weatherford gave a report on the construction of the new training center.

Physical Committee:

Piedmont Express Care is under new management and if anyone has problems let the Department of Fire Safety know so it can be checked into.

Old Business:

Medal of valor Committee: Have (6) six names, added Kevin Hayes to make 7 needed. A meeting will be scheduled.
Gear approved last meeting has been ordered.

New Business:

Michael Kendree, County Attorney presented the updated policy to the board with the changes asked for at the board’s workshop. Tommy Carroll made a motion to add the wording to the policy of the board that funding can be withheld from a department’s monthly direct assistance when compliance of a policy of the board is not followed and withheld until compliance is met.
Seconded by Frank Duncan
All was in favor of the motion

ISO will come in August to evaluated 4 departments, Bethesda, Bethel, Bullock Creek, and Newport
YCNGA are printing guides for fire apparatus
Rock Hill Rescue is no longer being dispatched. Departments covered by them will now have to assume service they provided. All departments affected agreed they are ready to provide the service.
This should also speed up the process to provide equipment for the technical rescue unit planned for the service truck turned in from Fort Mill FD.

Motion made by Frank Duncan to allow the surplus breathing air compressor from Lesslie to be moved to Bethany Fd.
Seconded by Tommy Carroll
All was in favor of the motion.

Executive Session:

Not needed

Announcements:

None

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

Doug Morris spoke on Rock Hill FD purchasing MSA SCBA
Councilmember Christi Cox spoke on standardization of equipment

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.