

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

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday June 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.

All members of the Board were present, with the exception of David Hord and Al Waddell.

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

Vice Chairman Wayne Searcy called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: **By Frank Duncan**

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

Reading of the Minutes: **Wayne Searcy, Vice Chairman**
Minutes of April 24, 2014, were approved.
Minutes of May 21, 2014, Special Board meeting were approved.

Finance Committee Report: **Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman**
A copy of the finance report was given.
Have not received a final total for the end of the year yet.

Equipment Committee Report: **Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman**
Request from Clover Fire Department for (1) set of turnout gear for Lou Jarvis; recommendation from the equipment committee that this be approved. All were in favor .

Request from Hickory Grove Fire Department for (2) sets of turnout gear: (1) for Matt Piper and (1) for Dustin Peterson; recommendation from the equipment committee that this be approved. All were in favor. Kenny Gilfillan abstained from this vote.

Request from Bethany Fire Department to allow modifications for their service truck; they will pay for the upgraded lighting purchase. The equipment committee recommends to the board that this be approved. All were in favor. Kenny Gilfillan abstained from this vote.

Recommendation from the equipment committee to the board to ask York County Council to approve bid #22381 for the (6) portable lifts from Heavy Duty Lift & Equipment Co. for the Steril Koni. All were in favor of the recommendation.

A motion was made by Tommy Carroll that the letters to County Council come from the Fire Board.
This was seconded.
All were in favor of the motion.

The letter from McConnells FD requesting clarification on when and what money can be used to purchase extrication equipment was answered. Based on the policy of the board, the money allocated to purchase equipment is the only money that has no stipulation as to what can be purchased. This is when the board approves \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 for the purchase of equipment.

There was a report given on the new vendor for the turnout gear and they are making adjustments as needed.

There was a request from York Fire Dept. to install tires they have on a city apparatus. This was not on the agenda so it is deferred to next month's meeting.

Accident Review Committee:

Al Waddell, Committee Chairman

Oliver Dowdle gave the report.

Three accidents were reviewed and the committee recommends that each driver, and the spotter in one case, take the refresher EVDT course. Those suspended from driving to be allowed to drive after completion, and the others not suspended have three months to complete.

All were in favor of this recommendation.

It is also requested that the refresher course be modified to stress doing a walk-around before moving the apparatus.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer

Gary Starnes gave an update on the training activities.

1152 hours increased.

IFSTA Essentials 6 will now be used.

At some point for ISO, a Fire Safety Educator class will need to be held for department members to attend to ensure they get the extra credit offered on ISO evaluations.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to ask Sharon Gregory to make a list of Fire Prevention items that can be shared with the fire departments and give to the board for consideration of purchase by the next meeting. This was seconded by Bill Dunlap.

All were in favor of the motion.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

No Report

Physicals Committee:

Kenny Gilfillan, Committee Chairman

Request to change vendor for physicals from Piedmont at Baxter to Piedmont Express Care as pricing will be the same as the other vendors.

Motion to change vendors as long as pricing is the same by Kenny Gilfillan. This was seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Engine Specs. Pre-bid meeting on July 8 at 3:30 at YCFTC

Letter read from David Hord regarding scope of duties for York County Firefighters.
Taken as information.

New Business:

It was requested that a workshop be attempted to be scheduled before the next Board meeting.

Executive Session:

No business required Executive Session.

Announcements:

None

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

There was a discussion of cell phone use in fire apparatus and request for more details.

Do we need to renew E-Dispatch?

Does this apply to public safety?

It was asked for Billy Weatherford to ask staff about the county policy.

It was also asked that the county policy that is current be sent to all Fire Chiefs to distribute to their firefighters.

A motion by Carl Faulk to check with Fort Mill FD to see if they are going to use their service truck, and if not to be returned to the board to possibly make a special operations truck.

Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the motion.

Question: If it is a tax district truck involved in an accident, why does the committee investigate it?

Answer: Because it is in the Maintenance program.

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.