

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

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, March 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 Carl Faulk and Al Waddell.

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

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: given by Frank Duncan

Persons wishing to appear before the Board: None

Guest: **Darrell Hood, VFIS**
Gave an overview of the portable equipment policy currently carried by the Board.

Reading of the Minutes: **David Hord, Board Chairman**
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014, Board Meeting was made by Kenny Gilfillan.
Frank Duncan seconded the motion; all were in favor of approval of the minutes as presented.

Finance Committee Report: **Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman**
A monthly finance report was given and all members had a copy of the report.
It was also mentioned that transfers of funds may need to be done due to accounts running low at this time.
A recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the 2014-2015 budget as presented. All members were in favor of the recommendation as a motion.
The 2014-2015 budget was approved to be submitted.

Equipment Committee Report: **Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman**
Kenny Gilfillan gave the report in absence of Carl Faulk.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to accept and recommend to the York County Council that Newton's Fire & Safety is the low bid for the purchase for turnout gear for the remainder of this budget year and for the 2014-2015 budget year.
The purchase price is \$1,740.00 per set.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to accept low quote from Newton's Fire & Safety for the purchase of firefighter boots for \$98.00 per pair.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (1) set of turnout gear for Ronnie Fortner.

In favor of the motion: Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Frank Duncan, and Kenny Gilfillan.

Against the motion: Bill Dunlap and Wayne Searcy.

Motion was approved.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (3) sets of gear for Flint Hill firefighters Chris Bryan, Jonathan Smith, and Jerry Chapman.

In favor of the motion: Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Frank Duncan, and Kenny Gilfillan.

Against the motion: Bill Dunlap and Wayne Searcy.

Motion was approved.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (1) set of turnout gear for Clover Firefighter Drew Dover.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (2) sets of turnout gear for Bethany Firefighters Richard Palmer, Aaron Boone, and Brett Wilson.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (2) sets of turnout gear for Smyrna Firefighters Danny Crowder and Bobby Griffin.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (2) sets of turnout gear for Bullocks Creek Firefighters David Wallace and Will Horne.

All were in favor of this motion. Frank Duncan abstained from the vote.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (5) pagers for McConnells Fire Department.

All were in favor of this motion.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to approve (5) pagers for Bethesda Fire Department.

All were in favor of this motion. Wayne Searcy abstained from the vote.

Recommendation as a motion from the committee to deny the request from Riverview FD for booster hose for their grass truck . This motion died for lack of support.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to purchase the 300' of ¾" rubber booster hose for Riverview FD.

Seconded by Wayne Searcy.

All were in favor of the motion.

Accident Review Committee:

Al Waddell, Committee Chairman

Riverview accident: Recommendation that the driver attend a driver refresher within the next three months.

All were in favor of the motion.

Hickory Grove Accident: It is recommended that the driver be allowed to drive, as he has taken the EVDT refresher.

All were in favor of the motion. Kenny Gilfillan abstained from voting.

It is a recommendation of the Accident Review Committee to add to the current Policies and Procedures the following:

When a Fire Department Vehicle becomes struck, and for whatever reason a wrecker is needed to be called to dislodge the vehicle, the fire department is to report this to the York County Department of Fire Safety before removing the vehicle.

The purpose is to help prevent unnecessary damage to the vehicle.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer

Gary gave a report of the monthly training activities.

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Building and Codes still reviewing site plans.

Building plans have been corrected and approved.

Physicals Committee:

Kenny Gilfillan, Committee Chairman

No Report

Old Business:

Turnout gear bids taken care of in Equipment Committee report.

New Business:

Pagers: we have several pagers that cannot be repaired at a cost effective price, making the fire service short on exchange/replacements when we send pagers for repairs.

Motion by Kenny Gilfillan to purchase 40 pagers; seconded by Frank Duncan.

All were in favor of the motion.

Executive Session:

None

Announcements:

None

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

Frank Duncan asked that Bullocks Creek FD be allowed an extension on time to submit their equipment list. Motion to allow until May 15, 2014, by Kenny Gilfillan; seconded by Tommy Carroll. All were in favor of the motion. Frank Duncan abstained from the vote.

David Jennings asked the Board when they decided to have replaced turnout gear turned in; that they use theirs for support firefighters.

Fort Mill Service Truck is being housed outside. It was asked that Billy Weatherford check on this with the Fort Mill FD.

It was requested that the foam stored at Oakdale be moved to Lesslie Fire Dept. Tommy White of Lesslie FD stated that they use more foam and this would make it easier for obtaining replacement foam. It was asked that they submit a letter to the Board officially requesting this.

Anna Moore gave information from the County Council on the Innova Pad, and that they recommend the money go to the Fire Board.

Chairman David Hord asked that Chief Domenic Manera and Chief David Jennings look into this further

Chief Domenic Manera reminded all that MES Carolina repairs gear.

Chief Sam Lesslie spoke of the recent policy passed that only allows for (3) sets of turnout gear max per year be provided by the Fire Board to departments that have Special Tax Districts.

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.