

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 26, 2016**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, May 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, 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.

Board members present: David Hord, Tommy Carroll, David Faile, Frank Duncan, Carl Faulk, Oliver Dowdle, Johnny Boyd, Bruce Byrnes, and new member Ron Becknell. Absent from the meeting: 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 Hord

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

Reading of the Minutes: David Hord, Board Chairman
Minutes of April 28, 2016, meeting.
Motion to approve as written by Frank Duncan.
Second made by Tommy Carroll.
All were in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report: Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman
A discussion of the finance report and the 2016-2017 budget was made and taken as information.

Equipment Committee Report: Carl Faulk
Request for 1 set of turnout gear for Bullock Creek FD member Howard Haas.
Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve the request.
All were in favor. Frank Duncan abstained from the vote.

Request for 2 sets of gear from Oakdale FD
Recommendation for 1 set of gear for Mitchell Betchler
All were in favor.
It was requested to send e-mail to departments who had not requested gear in this budget year to see if they need any.

Recommendation to the Board from the Equipment Committee to have the shop repair the pump on the '86 KME engine.
All were in favor of the recommendation.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to accept into the Radio Replacement Program the radios that were given to the fire service from the rescue squads.
All were in favor of the motion.

Recommendation to leave the radio in the '86 KME until the surplus radios are distributed within the next two months.
All were in favor of the recommendation.

Accident Review Committee: Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman
Accident involving Newport Engine 2.
Recommendation from the accident review committee that no further action be taken.
All were in favor of this recommendation.

Accident Review (Cont.)

Accident involving Fort Mill Engine 11.
Recommendation that no further action be taken.
All were in favor of the recommendation.

Incident involving the Lesslie Ladder Truck.
It was discussed that this was an incident and not involved in an accident. Frank Duncan made a motion that no further action be taken.
This was seconded by David Faile.
All were in favor of the motion. Johnny Boyd abstained from voting.

There was a question of the cost of repairs. The board asked that a total cost be available at the next meeting if possible.

The accident review committee was tasked with looking into issues like this and maybe come up with a lesson learned statement that could be shared within the departments in the county.

Information was given to the board from the previous meeting relating to injury costs charged to the Fire Boards Workers Comp. Policy.

The Fire Board Policy Manual has been updated, with the revision passed at the April 2016, meeting. The sentence, "Appropriate Law Enforcement must be notified in the event of any roadway accident involving a fire apparatus." Page 21 #8

Training Committee: Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer

Gary Starnes gave a report on the monthly training activities.
1152 has been completed.
Trench Rescue Class has been completed.
Reminder of Surviving the Insult Class June 4th, 2016, with 74 firefighters signed up.

Joint Training Center Committee: David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Billy Weatherford gave an update on completing the punch list.

Physicals Committee:

No Report.

Old Business:

There will be a fireboard workshop on May 31st, 2016, at the fire training center.
Each member has an agenda.
Each member has an organizational flow chart.

New Business:

Ron Becknell will replace Carl Faulk as the Fire Chief's Representative on the board.
Carl was thanked and applauded for all his work on the board and committees.
Ron Becknell was welcomed to the board.
The investment firm that handles the firefighters retirement has changed.
The change in vendor was taken as information.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board:

Nomination for Chairman: Tommy Carroll by Frank Duncan, with a second by Ron Becknell.
Nomination for Chairman: Oliver Dowdle by Bruce Byrnes, with a second by Johnny Boyd.
Motion to close nominations by Johnny Boyd, seconded by Oliver Dowdle.
By vote of the board members, Tommy Carroll was elected as chairman of the Fire Board.

Nomination for Vice Chairman of Oliver Dowdle by Bruce Byrnes, with a second from Frank Duncan.
Tommy Carroll made a motion that the nominations be closed, with a second from Frank Duncan.
With no other nomination, Oliver Dowdle was elected as Vice Chairman of the fire board.

Frank Duncan will assume chairman of the Equipment Committee.

There was a discussion of looking for vendors to do a Fire Protection Study.

Executive Session:

Not needed

Announcements:

Bill Eckman's wife has passed away.

Johnny Boyd's wife is recovering from surgery and doing well.

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

Kevin Hayes talked about the Best Practice Guideline of Air Quality Monitoring at Fires passed by the York Co. Fire Chief's Association.

Oliver Dowdle made a motion to pay for Carl Faulk's expenses for the SC Firefighters Assoc. Conference.

Frank Duncan seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the motion.

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.