

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 23, 2014**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, October 23, 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 Frank Duncan.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, and Mike Burns, D.J. Funderburk, Billy Weatherford, Anna Moore, and Assistant County Attorney

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: David Hord opened the meeting with prayer

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

Reading of the Minutes: **David Hord, Board Chairman**

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Motion by Tommy Carroll to approve as read: Seconded by Oliver Dowdle

Motion was approved

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

Each member was given a copy of the monthly finance report and it was taken as information.

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

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve (2) sets of gear for Bethel Fire Department for Cory Cronin and Tim Jordan: Recommendation as a motion was approved.

Accident Review Committee: **Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman**

No new accidents to report.

One (1) accident still pending; waiting for further information:

The committee asks staff to remind the members involved of the policy of no driving for any county vehicles or department owned vehicles in the county maintenance system.

Training Committee: **Gary Starnes, York County Fire Training Officer**

Discussion of Monthly Training Activities

Large Truck Extrication: Nov 1st & 2nd at York Fire Dept.

“On a Mission” Seminar to be held Nov 6th, 2014, at 6:30 pm at York Comprehensive High School Auditorium.

The cost was misquoted and is \$1,500.00 not \$1,000.00.

A motion was made by Oliver Dowdle to approve the cost increase.

Seconded by Al Waddell.

Motion was approved.

It was requested to determine how many departments have completed their EVDT annual refresher training.

Joint Training Center Committee: **David Jennings, Committee Chairman**

Construction to start October 27, 2014

Physicals Committee:

No Report

Old Business:

Discussion of the proposed Rural Fire Board ordinance and policy changes:

David Jennings gave a report on the updated version and the changes to be made and reviewed changes made by the county attorney.

A motion was made by Carl Faulk to submit to York County Council the proposed ordinance changes just reviewed for the three (3) readings needed.

The motion was seconded by Al Waddell.

The motion was approved.

A change in the wording of election of officers was changed to read:

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD:

The Board shall, during the May meeting or as soon as possible, elect from its membership a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary/treasurer. The officers shall be elected to serve terms of one (1) year, commencing after the election process is completed of each year, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. Officers shall serve without pay, but officers may be reimbursed for travel and other incidental expenses; subject, however, to the rules, policies, practices and procedures applicable to boards, agencies and commission of the county. (Ord. # 85, 4-11-81)

A motion to approve this change was made by Al Waddell, with a second by Carl Faulk. All were in favor of this motion.

New Business:

Host a clinic where lawyers volunteer one Saturday to draft a variety of end-of-life documents, such as wills, living wills, and health care powers of attorney for first responders.

A motion was made by Tommy Carroll; seconded by Wayne Searcy, to sponsor the program where the SC Bar Young Lawyers Association draws up wills, living wills, and health care powers of attorney for first responders.

This is free for the First Responders service.

All were in favor of the motion.

David Hord will be the point of contact.

Discussion of the January 2015 banquet: Place/ Date/ Time/Caterer/ Menu

Bill Dunlap made a motion to use the same location and caterer as used previously.

Seconded by Oliver Dowdle.

All were in favor of the motion.

Place: Bethelwoods Horton Lodge

Date: January 26, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Caterer: Tony Childers

Executive Session:

The Board of Rural Fire Control adjourned the meeting and went into executive session.

The Board of Rural Fire Control meeting was reopened.

Matters for consideration following Executive Session:

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to ask York County Council to enter into negotiations with the KME dealer, Safe Industries to supply the four (4) pumps for York County.

All were in favor of the motion.

Announcements: None

Persons wishing to appear before the Board but not on the Agenda, or Discussion of Items not on the Agenda:

Fort Mill Radios: They have been given all serial numbers to pick the (2) to return.

Lost Radio: Motion to have Fort Mill Fire Department purchase the replacement radio was made by Bill Dunlap. Seconded by Tommy Carroll.

There was a discussion by Billy Weatherford.

In favor of the motion: Bill Dunlap, Tommy Carroll, Melvin Abernethy, Al Waddell, Oliver Dowdle.

Against the motion: Wayne Searcy and Carl Faulk.

Motion was approved by majority.

A handout was given and reviewed, showing additional coverage now provided by VFIS at no extra charge.

It was discussed that in the future a long range plan study needs to be done.

The Planning Department will be doing an update of the county comprehensive plan over the next 12-18 months.

County Council has approved a company to work with the Planning Department.

Meetings will be held involving the public, fire departments can be included as well.

Carl Faulk made a clarification of his vote on the Fort Mill radio matter.

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.