

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 25, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday October 25, 2012, 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 except David Hord and Al Waddell.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, DJ Funderburk, and Anna Moore.

Vice-Chairman Kenny Gilfillan called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer: **Frank Duncan**

Persons on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

Sam Lesslie, Chief of Riverview Fire Dept.; Gave information on his substation project.

Jerry Williams, Seagrave Fire Apparatus: Gave information on a county that is in need of surplus pumpers if the Board would consider them.

Reading of the Minutes: **Kenny Gilfillan, Vice-Chairman**

Approved as written.

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

Gave a report from the finance committee:

From the \$3,000.00 given to each FD to purchase equipment, all items have been ordered.

Chiefs Banquet: Motion by Carl Faulk to host the Fire Chief's Banquet on January 28th, 2013, at Bethelwoods. Seconded by Tommy Carroll. All in attendance were in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

Motion by Carl Faulk to use Sharon Baptist to cater the event, with a second by Bill Dunlap. All in attendance were in favor of the motion. Motion approved

Equipment Committee Report: **Bill Dunlap, Chairman**

Report given by Bill Dunlap on the following:

Bethesda Grass Truck Chassis will be on the agenda for the November County Council meeting.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to review all requests for turnout gear prior to board meeting and make a recommendation to the board on requests received. This would give the committee time to research the requests.

All were in favor of the motion.

In the future, all requests for turnout gear will go before the Equipment Committee before being submitted to the board for action.

Recommendation to the board to approve the request from Bullocks Creek Fire Department to allow them to put a winch on the Ford KME engine. It was discussed that it could only be mounted to the front.

All were in favor of the motion, with Frank Duncan abstaining from the vote.

The request from Bullocks Creek and Fort Mill FD's to swap Fire Engines was referred back to the Equipment Committee so they can meet with each department for more information.

The American LaFrance pumpers were delivered and are being pre-delivered at stations with installs being done now.

Review of the specifications of the next two pumpers for Sharon and Smyrna FD's.
Reviewed the list of items requested by these two departments.
Reviewed the revised specifications; changes to the specifications were made to eliminate problems encountered in the last specifications and purchase.
Each change was reviewed item by items.
Motion to include in the specifications: up to 135 letters per apparatus made by Tommy Carroll, with a second by Wayne Searcy
All were in favor of the motion.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to remove optional equipment from the bid package.
All were in favor of this motion.
Optional equipment will be quoted and purchased separately.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee to approve the revised specifications, with the noted changes.
All were in favor of the motion.

Tommy Carroll made a motion to add the rear suction to the pumper specifications as an option, seconded by Wayne Searcy.
All were in favor of the motion.

Chief Dowdle of Sharon FD withdrew his request for a top mount ladder rack for the new pumper.

Motion by Tommy Carroll to use speed-lay in specifications for pumper, with a second by Carl Faulk.
All were in favor of the motion.

Motion by Tommy Carroll to leave hose on top deck, with a second by Wayne Searcy.
All were in favor of the motion.

Accident Review Committee: **Carl Faulk, Chairman**
No Report

Training Committee: **Gary Starnes**
No Report

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

David Jennings gave a report. The third reading and public hearing will be at a meeting of the council on November 15th.
Members of the board stated that the project can be mostly completed with the money on hand, and with the council approving the bond money.

Anna Moore gave information also on the training center and information from Stewart, Cooper, & Newell. The county attorney also suggested that a new contract be solicited for any further work to be done.

Old Business:

Anna Moore also gave information for the county attorney on the changes to the ordinance part of the Fire Board Policy.
He recommended to not making the changes that were requested.
There was a discussion.
Motion by Bill Dunlap to leave as is and not request changes to the ordinance by the County Council; seconded by Tommy Carroll.
Five (5) in favor of the motion: Tommy Carroll, Melvin Abernethy, Carl Faulk, Wayne Searcy, and Bill Dunlap.
Opposed: Frank Duncan.
Motion was approved to not request changes be made to the county ordinance section in the fire boards policy & procedure manual.

Review of the approved request to give a surplus pumper to the Cherokee County Vocational Center.
This was referred to the Equipment Committee.

Several departments asked the pumper replacement plan be reviewed to verify that the current departments having already received new pumpers were to keep their older engines as reserve pumpers. This will be researched and information given at the next meeting. Also a previous request from Newport FD to keep their pumper was made at an earlier date and needs to be researched as to what was the action of the board when the request was made and have it for the next meeting.

New Business:

Due to Thanksgiving falling on the date of the next board meeting the next meeting will be moved to November 29th.

Request:

McConnells Fire Dept. requests (2) complete sets of gear for DJ Turney and Will Jenkins, who are certified firefighters. Frank Duncan made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Tommy Carroll. All were in favor of the motion.

Bethel Fire Dept. requests (6) complete sets of gear for certified firefighters whose names are provided. Motion from Tommy Carroll to purchase (3) complete sets of gear for Bethel FD; seconded by Melvin Abernethy. All were in favor of the motion.

Request from Sharon Fire Dept. for matching funds for (2) grants, if they are approved. Tommy Carroll made a motion to approve the request, with a second from Wayne Searcy. In favor of the motion: Carl Faulk, Wayne Searcy, Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Bill Dunlap. Against the motion: Frank Duncan.

Request to purchase foam for the new pumpers. Per previous action, purchase the foam.

Request to send replaced pagers to York County Recycle Center for disposal. Approve to send to Recycling Center for disposal.

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

Tommy White, Lesslie FD, asked about mounting brackets for equipment on the new engines. They are being sent.

David Jennings, Flint Hill FD, asked if the board was going to pay for the step modification and a grab rail on the new engines. Wayne Searcy made a motion that the board pay for the change on the step and the grab rail. Seconded by Bill Dunlap. All were in favor of the motion.

Ken Belk, Bullocks Creek Fire Dept., asked what days and hours York FD are supposed to provide automatic aid. Answer given: Monday-Friday; 8am to 5pm. There have been some instances of York FD being dispatched after hours by new dispatchers.

Jerry Chapman, Fort Mill Fire Dept., gave information on a program to link New World to Firehouse cad software; there is a cost involved, and all departments that wish to use it let them know. Also Bill Dunlap will talk to Gary Loflin and get more information for the board.

Announcements: BBQ at Bethesda FD on Friday and Saturday.

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.