

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 27, 2012**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, September 27, 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.

Members of several fire departments were present.

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

Chairman David Hord 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:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of July 26, 2012 meeting: Motion to approve by Frank Duncan; Second by Kenny Gilfillan; all voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes of August 23, 2012 meeting: Motion to approve by Frank Duncan; Second by Kenny Gilfillan; all voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Carroll, Chairman

The Finance Committee met and makes the following recommendations in the form of a motion:

- That the Fire Board holds any projects that may be funded out of fund balance funds due to the training center project may need funds.
- Out of the current approved budget and the 690 account, each department is allowed to purchase up to \$3,000.00 in equipment or items.

All members of the board voted in favor of the motion.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

The bids for the Bethesda grass truck chassis was opened and Keter Ford was the low bid of \$36,517.00.

Motion from the committee to recommend to County Council to accept this low bid.

Bethesda will pay the additional \$1,038.00 for a four door chassis.

All members voted in favor of this motion.

Report on the American LaFrance Pumpers was given.

The Board request that the committee start looking at specifications for the next two engines to be purchased from this year's budget.

Accident Review Committee:

Carl Faulk, Chairman

There have been no accidents for the committee to meet on.

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes reported that there were several classes that needed firefighters to sign up to attend, or they will cancel. It was also reported that the SCFA will officially end challenge testing on Jan. 1st, 2013.

Special Committees:

Training Center: David Jennings gave a report on the meeting with Stewart, Cooper & Newell on the cost estimate of the Training Center and Maintenance Facility.

The committee recommends to the board to support Phase 1 of the project to build the shop and Phase 2 to build the training & administration building and tower.

They also recommend using the 41 acre site for the construction.

Frank Duncan made a motion to accept the committee's recommendations.

Al Waddell gave a second to the motion.

All members of the board were in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Request from Bethany FD for a complete set of gear for a trained member Bill Jeffers.

Motion by Frank Duncan to approve the request.

Seconded by Al Waddell.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Request from Bethany FD for matching funds for a federal grant if awarded in the amount of \$4,200.00.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan.

Seconded by Tommy Carroll.

In favor: Carl Faulk, Melvin Abernethy, Wayne Searcy, Tommy Carroll, Kenny Gilfillan, Al Waddell, Bill Dunlap.

Against: Frank Duncan.

Motion passed.

Request from Bethesda FD for (2) complete sets of gear for John Mills and Justin Curtice who are trained as interior FFs.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan.

Seconded by Al Waddell .

All voted in favor of the motion.

Request from Oakdale FD for matching funds for a federal grant if awarded in the amount of \$7,587.21.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan.

Seconded by Al Waddell.

In favor: Carl Faulk, Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Wayne Searcy, Al Waddell, Kenny Gilfillan.

Against the motion: Frank Duncan.

Abstained: Bill Dunlap.

Motion passed.

Request from Smyrna FD for matching funds for a Forestry Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.

And matching funds for a Federal Grant in the amount of \$600.00.

Motion to approve by Al Waddell.

Seconded by Tommy Carroll.

In favor: Carl Faulk, Wayne Searcy, Melvin Abernethy, Tommy Carroll, Al Waddell, Kenny Gilfillan, Bill Dunlap.

Against: Frank Duncan.

Motion passed.

Received a letter from Bullocks Creek FD offering to swap their new engine to any department in the county that has an immediate need for a larger engine, contingent on the engine being replaced permanently with a smaller engine closer in size to their Engine 2 which better suits their needs.

Taken as information and referred to the Equipment Committee.

Referred any future specifications sent out for bids have a time clause incorporated into them and referred this to the Equipment Committee.

Carl Faulk asked that the Equipment Committee look at turnout gear and maybe each department get a limited # per year. Referred to Equipment Committee.

Announcements:

None.

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

Jerry Chapman, Deputy Chief of Fort Mill FD, reminded the board that they had submitted a letter requesting that they need a larger pumper and this may suit Bullock Creek FD. Referred to Equipment Committee.

Jerry Williams asked anyone from the board that wanted to come by and look at the Clover Pumper damaged in an accident and see how 1/8 metal verses 3/16 holds up due to questions from the last pumper specifications.

Frank Duncan asked about information on mutual aid radios.

Kenny Gilfillan gave a report on Randy Thompson's treatments and that all is going well.

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.