

PLEASE NOTE: MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE FIRE COMMISSION.

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 2-21-2023 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE: Keaton, Cole, Hanks, Wilson, Dickerson, and Sutherland.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Keaton. Invocation was given by Mr. Hanks.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 1/17/2023 COMMISSION MEETING:

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes of the Commission Meeting 1/17/2023 was made by Mr. Hanks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – 2/21/2023:

MOTION: Motion to approve the Amended Agenda of the Commission Meeting 2/21/2023 was made by Mr. Dickerson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wilson and the vote was unanimous.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) PERSONNEL:
- 2) FINANCE:
- 3) PURCHASING:
- 4) RULES & REGULATIONS:
- 5) MAINTENANCE:
- 6) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:
- 7) COMMUNICATIONS:
- A) MAPPING ISSUES:

Mr. Keaton addressed the mapping issues; our goal is by District. Mr. Cole will find out when the next District meeting will be held.

8) ISO PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chief Sutherland announced still waiting on a date.

DEPARTMENT REPORTING:

1) MAINTENANCE:

Zachary Arnold discussed the department report.

The Commission expressed appreciation to the shop.

COMMENTS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- 1) Report.
- 2) Elections almost complete.
- 3) Three firemen injured.
- 4) Staff vehicle lighting updated.
- 5) Met twice with Dispatch, working on issues.

MOTIONS TO RECESS AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Hanks to go into Executive Session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Wilson and the vote were unanimous.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to return to Open Session; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Keaton announced the issue will be addressed under Finance.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) PERSONNEL:

2) FINANCE:

A) A RESOLUTION OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION:

Mr. Dickerson announced the proposals from financial institutions were received and recommending the Commission move forward with the Resolution drafted by Lawrence Flynn.

Lawrence Flynn with Pope Flynn Group addressed the Commission.

If the Resolution is adopted, the Commission will be moving forward with the Capital Improvement Project Goal and the revenue increase approved by the County. The Commission authorizes the Chairman of the Commission to negotiate the Financing with certain financial institutions and award the Financing to the lessor that the Authorized Officer, in his sole discretion, determines. There will be no lien against the Commissions revenue. Webster Bank is the financial institution at 3.99 fixed for 15 years. The amount of the Financing, including any costs of issuance associated therewith, shall not exceed \$13,340,000. Closing date is March 15, 2023.

Mr. Keaton read aloud the Resolution drafted by Lawrence Flynn.

Mr. Dickerson expressed appreciation to Lawrence Flynn for working with the Commission.

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation from the Finance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to adopt the Resolution and the vote was unanimous.

3) **PURCHASING:**

4) **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

A) **BY-LAWS:**

Mr. Cole announced a workshop needs to be scheduled for final review of the by-laws.

5) **MAINTENANCE:**

A) **WEST PELZER STATION 06:**

Mr. Wilson discussed the tanker/apparatus allowance request from West Pelzer. The 2012 KME Rescue Pumper falls under the guidelines.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the request of 10,000.00 and the vote was unanimous.

6) **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

A) **HEADQUARTERS LOBBY AND RESTROOMS:**

Mr. Cole recommended getting pricing on remodeling the lobby and restrooms.

Mr. Keaton assigned this to Planning & Development Committee.

7) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A) **BROADWAY TECHNOLOGIES:**

Mr. Wilson announced the receipt of two proposals for new pagers. The proposals are for review only.

8) **ISO PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEFS' ADVISORY BOARD - CHIEF BRAD HART:

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Chief Tommy Brock addressed the Commission:

a) Expressed appreciation to the Commission.

b) Addressed dispatch issues.

Mr. Keaton stated meeting are being held to address issues.

c) Asked consideration of 800 pagers instead of VHF.

d) Discussed term of office for Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Keaton stated Legislation reads every year.

e) Getting information out on upcoming training and minimum age.

Chief Sutherland will check on this issue.

f) Discussed financing new trucks and the trucks already on order.

Mr. Keaton said this is a package deal. The funds for the other trucks will be left in the Equipment Reserve Account.

2. Mr. Cole recognized and expressed appreciation to the Chaplain's.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BY: Patti Ellison  
Patti Ellison  
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

Tommy Keaton  
TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

Mark Cole  
MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

Gerald Hanks  
GERALD HANKS, TREASURER

Charlie Dickerson  
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