

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 3/21/2023 – 5:30 PM

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Keaton, Dickerson, Wilson, and Hanks.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 530 pm. He announced the Chief and Assistant Chief were out of town and Captain Freeman is sitting in for them. Mr. Hanks offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the agenda (3/21/2023) was made by Mr. Dickerson, 2nd by Mr. Hanks, and the vote was unanimous.

There were no visitors on the agenda for the meeting.

Old Business**Committee Reports:**

Personnel: No old business. Mr. Keaton announced that the Personnel Committee will have a meeting within the next few weeks to meet with the Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, and Headquarters staff to get input, ideas, and suggestions for improvement. He noted all Commissioners are invited to attend these Committee meetings.

Finance: Mr. Dickerson announced that the loans closed out last week for the new truck purchase with money invested in the SC Investment Fund, and the trucks will arrive in two years. Moving forward as planned. Keaton expressed appreciation for all the work done by Committee members, staff, auditors, and attorneys and all involved in getting this done.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Hanks advised they are still working on Commission by-laws and they will need to have a committee meeting for further discussion. Chairman Keaton said they will be in touch to schedule.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: Mr. Dickerson advised they are exploring ideas on lobby renovations and drawings, as well as conference room updates to show meetings online and a way to display information, and should have more at the next meeting.

Communications: Mr. Wilson announced the committee has pager proposals in hand, is waiting for a few more, and will hold for further discussion.

ISO Committee: None

There were no motions for executive session.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance:

MOTION: Motion from Finance Committee to approve the Actuarial Study (JLM Actuarial) for report preparation in the amount of \$2000, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dickerson advised that to secure purchases on the trucks, they secured Financial Advisors and closing attorneys.

MOTION: Motion from Finance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve payment for financial advisory services for 2023 lease purchasing financing (First Tryon Advisors) in the amount of \$26,000 and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion from Finance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve payment to closing attorneys Pope Flynn for a legal standpoint on lease purchase financing in the amount of \$35,000 and the vote was unanimous.

Purchasing:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Hanks to approve Flow test and pressure gauge for HazMat in the amount of \$553.75, and the vote was unanimous.

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance: Mr. Wilson expressed appreciation to staff and a special mention to Captain Freeman and added that the little things do not go unnoticed.

Motion by recommendation of the Maintenance Committee to approve 840 Hydrotests from Anderson Fire & Safety in the amount of \$16,800, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion by recommendation of the Maintenance Committee to approve Aerial Inspection (no ground ladder testing) in the amount of \$1035 per unit for a total of \$4140 plus any sensors as needed, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion by recommendation of the Maintenance Committee to approve request for (27) truck mount chargers for the gas monitors from Safeware in the amount of \$14,402.25, and the vote was unanimous.

Planning & Development: Mr. Dickerson advised all they had was a continuation of the projects mentioned in old business.

Communications: None

ISO Committee: None

Department Reporting: Keri Key presented the department report for inspections. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Captain Freeman presented to the Commission two new items received for approval since the mailouts were sent.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Hanks, second by Mr. Wilson to approve the request from the Chiefs Advisory Board for \$2500 for meals, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Hanks, second by Mr. Wilson to approve the purchase of hose for shop stock (16 sections 1.75", 16 sections 3", 4 sections squirrel tail hose) in the quoted amount of \$7,455.76, and the vote was unanimous.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board:

Chief's Advisory Board Chairman Chris Branyon announced their next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27 at 7pm at Homeland Park's new station.

Mr. Branyon also added Craytonville Fire Department will be having their Barbecue Fundraiser this weekend and invited all to attend.

Other Business:

Mr. Hanks displayed a photo of Ebenezer's new fire truck that members of Ebenezer Fire Department went down to Florida to inspect.

Mr. Keaton announced that after 52 years in the service, Rick Owings with Powdersville Station 7 has made the decision to retire from firefighting. Councilman Jimmy Davis will recognize this in the April 4, 2023 County Council meeting for all who want to attend in support of Rick Owings.

Following a motion by Mr. Dickerson, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

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Purchasing/Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Tommy Keaton Tommy Keaton, Chairman

Mark Cole Mark Cole, Vice Chairman

Gerald Hanks Gerald Hanks, Treasurer

Charlie Dickerson Charlie Dickerson, Commissioner

Randy Wilson Randy Wilson, Commissioner