

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 4/18/2023 – 5:30 PM

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Chairman Tommy Keaton, Vice-Chairman Mark Cole, Treasurer Gerald Hanks, Mr. Charlie Dickerson, and Mr. Randy Wilson. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Brian Moon.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 530 pm. Mr. Hanks offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of 02/21/2023 was made by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of 3/21/2023 was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Hanks, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: The motion to approve the agenda of 4/18/2023 was made by Mr. Hanks, seconded by Mr. Cole, and the vote was unanimous.

There were no visitors on the agenda for the meeting.

Old Business**Committee Reports:**

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Cole advised of progress being made on the Rules & Regulations, but the Committee still has more work to do and will need another meeting to continue working on them. Chairman Keaton said they will schedule a committee meeting and reminded all that the full Commission is invited to attend all committee meetings. He extended an invitation for any Chief's Advisory Board members that may wish to attend.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: Mr. Wilson advised that the discussion on pagers and walkies is still in committee.

ISO Committee: None

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Hanks, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to go into executive session. Chairman Keaton advised to discuss personnel and contracts.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Hanks, to return to open session.

Announcements from Executive Session: Chairman Keaton advised personnel and contractual issues were discussed and will be addressed in new business.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance:

MOTION: Motion from Finance Committee to obtain a new attorney to represent the Commission to address current and past issues was made by Mr. Cole, and the vote was unanimous.

Purchasing:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the replacement of the firefighter ID system (computer, printer, and software) in the allotment up to \$4,500, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to purchase (6) safety harnesses for Ladder 28. Following a second by Mr. Wilson, the vote was unanimous.

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion by recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve replacing the lightbar for Station 12's truck due to issues with blowing fuses, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion by recommendation of the Maintenance Committee to approve purchasing spare fire extinguishers to keep in stock at headquarters to rotate for Maintenance was made by Mr. Wilson, and the vote was unanimous.

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

ISO Committee: None

Department Reporting: Wendell Hunter presented the department report for Investigations. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: In addition to his monthly report, Chief Sutherland advised the Commission on the following:

-The ladder trucks have been tested and passed. Some maintenance issues were found and will be addressed, and a final report will be sent to the Commission.

-A grant has been obtained with Emergency Services to get a new fit test machine, which should be here June 30th. The machine will be kept at headquarters and the old one will be used for backup.

-After working with the state and TTI, a grant has been obtained to purchase a Ladder Truck for Station 13. The only cost to the fire system will be the insurance. He advised everyone should send special thanks to

Brian White and Mike Gambrell in appreciation for their work. He also expressed appreciation to Chief Brad Hart for his hard work on this.

Chairman Keaton also expressed appreciation to Chief Brad Hart for his hard work for the last few years. Keaton clarified this is a public/private partnership, with TTI furnishing the building, and state economic development commerce is helping with the truck. There will be no stipulations as the truck will be housed there at station 13, but can be used anywhere in the county.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board:

Chief's Advisory Board Chairman Chris Branyon expressed appreciation to the Commission for the approval of the fire extinguishers for maintenance rotation.

Other Business:

Mr. Cole advised he was thankful to have delivered lunch to dispatch on Saturday for dispatch appreciation week on behalf of the Commission and Headquarters staff.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve \$10,000 request for funding of Tanker/Apparatus allowance for Hopewell Fire Department for their June 2021 purchase of a rescue truck (total expenditure \$210,000). Following a second by Mr. Wilson, the vote was unanimous.

He wanted to clarify that the initial request was made in June 2021 when the truck was purchased and the initial request was denied but was due to wrong information. This is to correct a mistake.

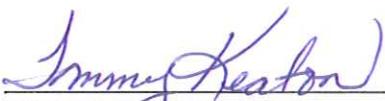
MOTION: Following a motion by Mr. Hanks, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

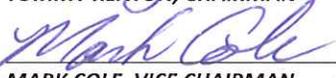
Angie Bryant

Angie Bryant, Purchasing/Administrative Assistant

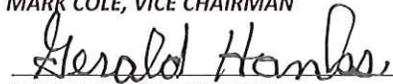
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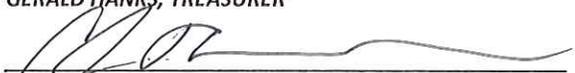
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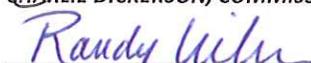
MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD HANKS, TREASURER



CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER



RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER