

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 12/19/2023 9:00 am

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Charlie Dickerson, and Randy Wilson. Mr. Mark Cole joined the meeting during executive session. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Brian Moon.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 9am. Chief Sutherland offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 11/28/23 meeting was made by Mr. Dickerson with a second by Mr. Wilson, and all present members approved.

MOTION: The motion to approve the agenda of 12/19/2023 was made by Mr. Dickerson with a second by Mr. Wilson, and all members present approved.

Visitors: None

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: Mr. Dickerson asked if Emergency Management ever sent over a list of the things they need for the fire boat. Chief Sutherland advised that the list has been received, some has been ordered, and he thinks the only other thing we will need to order is the forestry hose. He said once it all comes in, he will get with the Commission on what we don't have.

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Keaton stated they had a workshop meeting to clarify some issues on the elections, and that Chief Moon will be sending out a guideline for elections to each station.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

MOTION: Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, and all present members approved.

MOTION: Motion to Return to Open Session was made by Mr. Dickerson, with a second by Mr. Wilson, and all members were in favor.

Announcements to be made from Executive Session: Mr. Keaton advised personnel issues were discussed and those issues will be addressed under New Business.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

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Personnel:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Personnel committee was made by Mr. Keaton to observe Friday December 22, 2023 as the Christmas Eve holiday for headquarters personnel. All members present approved.

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance: Mr. Dickerson reported he is still working on quotes for fencing and getting estimates on phase two renovations for headquarters, and they should be received by the end of the year. Mr. Cole added he had also contacted Paramount Custom Signs for quotes and ideas on a new sign for headquarters, in addition to the one from Electric City Signs.

Planning & Development: None

Communications: Mr. Wilson reported the committee is working on finalizing the dispatch SOG's and grants for radio upgrades. Mr. Dickerson added he was good with the dispatch SOG draft as-is. Mr. Cole advised they are still waiting on information from Hazmat and ACERT for updates on their information. Chief Moon added that, for the radio upgrades, the Communications committee will need to get back with Adam to go over the numbers before the county grant writer is consulted, and that January 29-March 8 is when the grant period is open.

ISO Committee: None

Department Reporting: Zach Arnold presented the department report for Maintenance. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland commended the staff and thanked them for their help during numerous calls to help several stations during the month. He also advised they are working with Building Codes and Litter Enforcement on a situation to help in Homeland Park's area.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: Chief Sutherland advised the next meeting will be the annual banquet on January 22, 2024. He said he will get with the stations on Firefighter of the Year awards and will advise of any meetings before then.

Other Business: Mr. Keaton commended Mike Benoir for his firefighter program. Mr. Benoir added that they've had 13 complete the Firefighter 1 course (the state average is 6.4). They also had 12-16 in the Firefighter 2 program, and the average is only 4.6 per school.

Mr. Keaton also asked everyone to keep Mr. Hanks and his family in prayer, as his sister-in-law is receiving cancer treatments.

Mr. Keaton also added, "I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, with hopes you enjoy time with your families. I hope you all stay safe, and thank you for what you all do."

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

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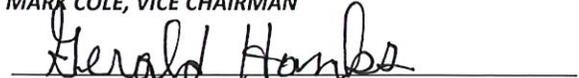
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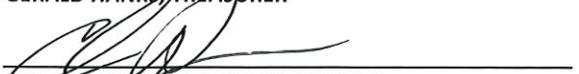
TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN



MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN



GERALD HANKS, TREASURER



CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER



RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER

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