

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 3/19/2024 – 5:30 pm

*Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission*

**ORIGINAL**

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

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Hanks offered the invocation.

**MOTION:** The motion to approve the minutes of the 2/20/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Hanks. After a second by Mr. Cole, and all members approved.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mr. Cole and second by Mr. Hanks to approve the agenda of 3/19/2024, and all members approved.

**Visitors:** None

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None

**Finance:** None

**Purchasing:** None

**Rules & Regulations:** Mr. Cole advised that Station 23's bylaws have been reviewed and they will need clarification on some statements. The matter will be tabled until that can be done.

**Maintenance:**

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation by the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the annual maintenance quote on the cascades as listed on quote in the amount of \$18,378.31 from Safe Air, and all members approved.

**Planning & Development:** None

**Communications:** Mr. Wilson asked for an update on the grant for the radio equipment. Chief Moon advised the grant has been submitted. It came up to 2.2 million with the matching part, and it closed out on March 7. It will likely be a few months before it is graded, and it will probably be summer before we hear anything back on it.

**ISO Committee:** none

**MOTION:** Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Hanks. Following a second by Mr. Wilson, all members approved.

**MOTION:** Motion to Return to Open Session was made by Mr. Hanks, 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. Announcements from executive session will be taken care of in New Business.

**New Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** Mr. Keaton advised Anthony Hamby has been hired for the vacant Fire Marshal position. His start date is to be determined.

Mr. Cole advised the insurance company offered a \$20,000 off duty life insurance/accidental death policy for countywide fireman and staff, (all personnel) to add to our existing policy.

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation of the Personnel Committee was made by Mr. Cole to approved an insurance coverage offer of \$20,000 for off-duty accidental death policy coverage for personnel listed in Emergency Reporting roster in the prorated amount of \$1,505 from Citizens Insurance Agency (approximately \$5300 annual premium), and all members approved.

**Finance:** None

**Purchasing:** None

**Rules & Regulations:** None

**Maintenance:**

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve repairs for Engine 8-1 from Carolina International (replace bad body control module and heat, a/c, and light switch replacements) in the amount of \$7,184.14, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Planning & Development:** None

**Communications:** None

**ISO Committee:** None

**MOTION:** Chairman Keaton made a proposal to strike ISO Planning Committee items from the agenda until it comes closer to time for ISO to be relative. Following motion by Mr. Cole and a second by Mr. Wilson, the motion passed unanimously.

**Department Reporting:** Wendell Hunter presented the Department Report for Investigations (in place of Maintenance). The Commission expressed appreciation.

**Comments from the Fire Chief:** Chief Sutherland advised the ladder truck has been finalized, they had three minor firefighter injuries during the month. He added that he was so proud of everyone that responded to the church fire over the weekend. Everyone worked together as a team to get the job done and kept the fire from spreading and did a great job. He also advised the Commission that he hoped to have a budget draft to them in the next week or so, as he is waiting on some millage/population information to come back first, and that he will let the Commission know when it is done. Mr. Keaton advised him to let the Commission know and they will set up dates for a workshop.

**Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board:** Chris Branyon advised the next meeting will be Monday 3/25/24 at Townville Station 17. They have a few guest speakers lined up for the meeting. He thanked the Commission for the additional insurance.

**Comments from Others:** Mr. Cole gave an update on the recent change in the smoke detector program. Instead of passing smoke detectors out from the trucks, they must be installed by our personnel to ensure

that they are installed correctly and not just handed out and sitting on a shelf. This can be scheduled through Fire Prevention staff or Tommy Miller. Any smoke detectors that you currently have can still be handed out until they are gone. This will also be addressed at the Chief's meeting.

Mr. Cole also advised that he had spoken to David Baker regarding having inmate help come in to help clean the headquarters building to lighten the load to headquarters staff. This program is in the process and will likely be put into motion after all the construction is finished.

**MOTION:** Following a motion by Mr. Hanks and a second by Mr. Cole, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anglo Bryant*

APPROVED BY:

  
TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

  
GERALD HANKS, TREASURER

CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER

  
RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER

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