

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 4/16/2024 – 5:30 pm

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Charlie Dickerson, Gerald Hanks, and Randy Wilson. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Brian Moon. Chairman Keaton advised Mr. Cole is out of town and will not be present for the meeting.

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

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 3/19/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Hanks. All members approved.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Hanks and second by Mr. Dickerson to approve the agenda of 4/16/2024, and all members approved.

Visitors: None

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Hanks advised that Station 23's bylaws will be tabled until next month. They are being reviewed and they are working with Station 23 to clarify some items.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

There were no motions for Executive Session.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: Chief Sutherland advised the committee a draft of the 2024/2025 budget books has been made and that a budget workshop will need to be planned soon to remain on schedule for approval. Mr. Dickerson recommended setting a deadline to hold the workshop before May 1, 2024. Chairman Keaton advised they look at their calendars and plan to meet soon.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

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Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve to pay half of the quoted amount of \$4,878.85 from Generostee Communications for the replacement of Rock Springs Station 1's outside sirens (4 in total, Station to reimburse for half the amount), and all members approved.

Mr. Dickerson updated on the new truck delivery. The first truck is due out June 12, 2024. This will be a prototype and the subsequent five out of that package (there will be three packages of 6) will be here June 26, July 8, July 12, July 15 and July 19, 2024. The second wave will begin on July 23-August 7, and the last group begins on August 8 and goes through August 23, 2024. So, it's getting ready to be some busy times. He asked Chief Moon about the loose equipment and advised to go ahead and order the radios as he doesn't want the trucks to be here and waiting on radios. He added that the ladder truck is set for delivery November 24, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Wilson for approval on request from Station 16 submitted by Chief Kay for \$17,000 from their station funds for projects at the station including painting the fire department. Mr. Keaton advised they have met all qualifications. After a second by Mr. Dickerson, all members approved.

Planning & Development: Mr. Dickerson advised the Management Software will be changing as Emergency Reporting has been bought out and ER is moving to ESO. We are paying mid-forties for the ER software currently. Chief Moon advised the first quote from ESO was \$107k for the software. Mr. Dickerson advised this sparked looking at different suites of software, there have been three interviewed so far, and they have one more left to look at. Several things they are looking for: 1-Communication with the CAD system, 2-Mobile platforms for better access to reports and information from cell phones. 3-Work order management and tracking, and 4-being able to get the information out and analyze data, as well as useability. He added that it's a decision that's not taken lightly. We will do our best to get the one with the best functionality. He thanked Chief Moon and Chief Sutherland for doing the legwork and straining through information to get the most important points to the Commission.

Mr. Dickerson advised in looking for ways to improve, they are working with business school partners to bring in an intern to help over the summer with Emergency Reporting data transfer as well as overall daily practices. They are also looking for ways to expand our reach into the community to understand what we are as a volunteer organization. Many folks think their fire protection comes from a paid organization. We would like to utilize the website and social media to get the word out. They can help with getting the website updated and post on social media.

Communications: Mr. Wilson advised the radio is currently on backup and being worked on. Meetings regarding dispatch guidelines are still ongoing.

Department Reporting: Terry Vaughan presented the Department Report for Inspections. The Commission expressed appreciation. Commissioner Keaton also welcomed Anthony Hamby back to ACFD and expressed appreciation to them for their help.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland advised, in addition to his report, he wanted to let the Chiefs know that if you see Headquarters staff at fires, we are coming to help.

Chief Moon plans on going to Legislative Day in Columbia tomorrow.

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Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: Chief Branyon requested that, in the new reporting software, the inventory be transferrable, as many stations have put a lot of time entering their inventory into ER.

Comments from Others: Tommy Brock requested that the hose be color-coded on the new trucks. Chairman Keaton advised they didn't see a problem with it. Mr. Dickerson added it can be coded to match the valves on the trucks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

APPROVED BY:



TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

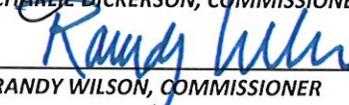


MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

GERALD HANKS, TREASURER



CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER



RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER

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