

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 8/20/2024 – 5:30 pm

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

ORIGINAL

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Gerald Hanks, Charlie Dickerson, and Mark Cole. Also present was Captain Joey Freeman.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 5:30 pm, and Mr. Hanks offered the invocation. He announced that Mr. Wilson, Chief Sutherland, Chief Moon, and Maintenance personnel were in Florida to inspect the first round of the new trucks.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 7/16/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Cole with a second by Mr. Hanks. All members were in favor.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Dickerson, second by Mr. Cole to approve the agenda of 8/20/2024 and all present members approved.

Visitors: Chaplain Robert Elrod gave the Commission an update on the Chaplain program. He also presented a copy of their proposed SOG for the Chaplain program.

Old Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Keaton reported the Committee has met with EMS on the dispatch SOG's and are currently waiting on a response.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

There were no motions for Executive Session.

New Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: Mr. Keaton advised they've done interviews and made an offer for the vacant shop position. They are waiting on paperwork and should receive it in the next few days.

Finance: Mr. Dickerson advised that we need to be ready to transfer money to pay for the new trucks for when they arrive.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Cole reported no new business other than a review of the newly obtained Chaplain SOG's.

Maintenance: Mr. Dickerson made a recommendation to approve the quote from Safe Air for Quarterly Testing in the amount of \$7,904.00. Mr. Cole had questions on the quote, so the matter was tabled until more information can be obtained.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve tire replacements for Engine 19-1 and Engine 20-1, and all present members approved. He added that he appreciated the insight on the next trucks that will need tire replacements.

Mr. Dickerson asked Captain Freeman for an update on the reporting system. Captain Freeman reported that Alpine Software (RedNMX) is in communication with Emergency Reporting to make the switch and provide information. There should be a demo account within the next few weeks so that personnel can review and train at Headquarters and the Stations on the software's use. Mr. Dickerson wanted to make sure there was a way to spot and cross check the information with Emergency reporting.

Mr. Dickerson also reported the 800 MHz radio grant has been received and reviewed.

He also reported that the Headquarters Renovations are pretty much complete: Angie, Chief, Brian, and Joey have moved into their new offices. There still is a punch list to get up and running.

The new trucks will be inspected next week at Pierce in Florida. The next wave of trucks will be 9/10/2024. At this time, there's been no confirmation on the third wave.

Planning & Development: Mr. Dickerson gave an update on the social media program. They've had to figure out some access levels to get up and running. Friday updates have been made and they are working on getting the website rearranged to make it a little more user friendly. Pictures and bios are on the webpage. The Instagram page will be latched to other social media accounts. Progress is being made in the background. Emails will be sent to staff so that they can submit information to be posted on social media sites. Also, training, public events for pictures, calendars, and information can be shared. Mr. Keaton encouraged stations to reach out and take advantage of the social media program.

Communications: Mr. Cole asked for clarification on zones where Fire Dispatch will be on one zone and ops on a different zone. Captain Freeman said that's something that we will have to address and have in the same zone. Mr. Cole asked that we get with Mr. Westmoreland on the direction on this issue.

Department Reporting: Terry Vaughan presented the Department Report for the Fire Marshal's Office. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Captain Freeman reported that Station 20 has recently sold Ladder 20 and didn't make any repairs to the truck before selling. They are requesting to use the insurance money towards their new grass truck.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Keaton to approve the use of insurance money for Hopewell to use towards their new grass truck, second by Mr. Cole, and all present members approved.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: None

Comments from Others: Chris Branyon extended appreciation to Tim Burton for his coming to work on their cascade system at Station 21.

Chairman Keaton read a thank you note from Chris Branyon's family in the loss of his mother.

Charlie Dickerson extended his appreciation to Hopewell Station 20 for their support following the loss of a dear member of his family who was also a firefighter with Hopewell. They did everything in their power to

make the family feel loved in a tragic situation. He also expressed appreciation to Shanon Robinson and the Headquarters team for their work in getting all the necessary paperwork done and making everything as painless as could be possible for the family. Mr. Keaton also asked members to extend thanks to all of Hopewell station 20 and expressed appreciation to them for respecting the family's wishes.

MOTION: Following a motion by Mr. Hanks with second from Mr. Cole, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

APPROVED BY:



TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN



CHARLIE DICKERSON



RANDY WILSON



CHRIS BRANYON



BRYAN MERK

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