

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 7/16/2024 – 5:30 pm

*Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission*

**ORIGINAL**

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

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

**MOTION:** The motion to approve the minutes of the 6/18/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Hanks with a second by Mr. Cole. All members were in favor.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Wilson to approve the agenda of 7/16/2024 and all present members approved.

**Visitors:** None

**Old Business -Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** Mr. Keaton reported there is a job opening in the shop, and we are currently taking applications. Interviews will be conducted as needed.

**Finance:** Chairman Keaton also reported that we've received the letter from Delegation for the 2024/2025 Budget approval, and Angie will keep the original on file.

**Purchasing:** None

**Rules & Regulations:** Mr. Cole suggested dispatch SOG's be sent out to all Fire Chiefs and would like to postpone their approval for one more week to receive their input. Any input or concerns should be proposed at the Chief's Meeting on Monday night (7/22/2024). The Commission will then meet on Tuesday 7/23/2024 at 12 pm to discuss any changes.

**Maintenance:** Mr. Wilson reported that three quotes were reviewed for countywide hose and ground ladder testing.

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the Fail Safe quote for countywide hose and ground ladder testing in the amount of \$82,812.68. All present members approved.

**Planning & Development:** None

**Communications:** None

There were no motions for Executive Session.

**New Business -Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** None

**Finance:** None

**Purchasing:**

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation of the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve two station sirens for Grove Station 18. Total cost from Generostee Communications is \$2,536.80 and includes two sirens and installation fees. All present members approved.

**Rules & Regulations:** None

**Maintenance:** None

**Planning & Development:** Chairman Keaton advised the building renovations for the front of headquarters are winding up and staff should be moving back into their offices soon.

**Communications:**

**MOTION:** Motion on recommendation of the Communications committee was made by Mr. Wilson to purchase stage two, 800 MHz NX5900K Kenwood radios for the newest 18 engines and ladder truck, total cost \$54,038.99, and all members approved.

**Department Reporting:** Shanon Robinson presented the Department Report for Training. The Commission expressed appreciation. Chairman Keaton advised it would be a good time to set up a driving course for the custom trucks for training for anyone who may need it.

**Comments from the Fire Chief:** Chief Sutherland reported they have assisted many stations with fire support and expressed appreciation to the staff for doing so. He wanted to remind the stations to call if any help is needed. Also, a reminder that Emergency Services has a cooling trailer and stations can call if it is needed.

**Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board:** Chris Branyon advised their next meeting of July 22, 2024 at 7pm will be hosted by Wren Fire Department at Buffalo Cornbread.

**Comments from Others:** Mr. Cole advised that one of his stations had a set of turnout gear that was burned in a fire and sent for testing, and it was recommended that the gear needs be taken out of service. He asked the Commission if we should replace it out of the new equipment fund or file an insurance claim.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Hanks to replace a set of damaged turnout gear out of the new equipment fund, and all present members approved.

Mr. Cole reported that the insurance company has paid out \$927,952 over the last three years in insurance claims. Mr. Keaton stressed situational awareness and safety to cut down on preventable claims. As some can't be avoided, small things such as having a spotter when backing a vehicle can help cut down on accidents.

Chief Tommy Brock asked what is the status of the equipment for the fire boat brigade, and Chief Sutherland advised it is in the works.

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

Respectfully submitted,

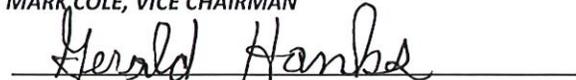
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APPROVED BY:

  
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MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

  
GERALD HANKS, TREASURER

  
CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER

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RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER

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