

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 4/15/2025

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Randy Wilson, Charlie Dickerson, and Bryan Merk. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Captain Joey Freeman. Chris Branyon was absent due to job travel.

Mr. Keaton called the meeting to order. Chief Sutherland offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 3/18/2025 meeting was made by Mr. Dickerson, second by Mr. Merk, and all members approved.

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda of 4/15/2025 was made by Mr. Merk, second by Mr. Wilson, and all approved.

There were no visitors to address the Commission.

Old Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance: Mr. Wilson advised Chief Sutherland is still getting quotes for the new maintenance vehicles.

Planning & Development: Mr. Merk reported that the Fire Commission and Assistant Chief Freeman attended the meeting with County Council on 3/25/25. Keaton added this will be a series of meetings.

Communications: Mr. Wilson reported that they are waiting on estimates from Kimball Communications, who is starting a VHF coverage map. He also reported that the delay in the microwave project was that the tower needed a registration number and new FCC license for the microwave.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Motion by Wilson, second by Dickerson to go into Executive Session for Personnel and all members agreed.

Motion to return to Open Session: Motion by Dickerson, second by Mr. Merk to return to open session, and all members approved. Chairman Keaton advised Personnel matters were discussed and there was no action taken.

New Business -Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: Mr. Dickerson reported that a budget workshop is being planned, possibly for the next week. Chairman Keaton will get with Chief Sutherland for planning.

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Keaton reported that the Chaplains SOP's have been revised and updated for review. Also in Committee are the Waterborne Operations and Communications/Social Media/Internet Use policies.

Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the 2024/2025 Annual Department Allowance in the total amount of \$1,350,481.40. All members approved.

Planning & Development: Mr. Merk thanked everyone for the care package he received. He discussed ways of responding to burn complaints.

Communications: Assistant Chief Freeman reported on the new reporting system. He advised Central Square has what they need and they're working to get the CAD system to work with RedNMx. The Work Order Module is up, and the Training Module is still in construction.

Department Reporting: Tommy Miller offered the department report for Fire Prevention / Recruitment & Retention. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland reported that a new Investigator has been hired and starts on April 22. Also, the 1% Budget was approved and money can be distributed to the stations.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: Brad Hart advised that elections were held at the last Chiefs Meeting. He was elected Chairman, Matthew Ashley is now Vice Chairman, and Jessica Landreth is still Treasurer.

Other Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

APPROVED BY:

TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

RANDY WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

CHARLIE DICKERSON, TREASURER

CHRIS BRANYON

BRYAN MERK