

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 11/18/2025

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Randy Wilson, Charlie Dickerson, Chris Branyon and Bryan Merk. Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Joey Freeman were also present.

Chairman Keaton called the meeting to order. Mr. Merk offered the invocation and reminded everyone to keep the Locke family and Center Rock Station 11 in their prayers. He also asked everyone to continue to pray for Iva Chief Curtis Brickle's continued improvement.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 10/21/2025 meeting was made by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Wilson, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda of 11/18/2025 was made by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Dickerson, and all members approved.

There were no visitors.

Old Business - Committee Reports:

Personnel: Mr. Branyon reported that job postings closed last Friday for the vacant position and they will be setting up interviews.

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: Station 2 Rules & Regulations are still in committee.

Maintenance: None

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

Motion to go into Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Merk to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, and the vote was unanimous.

Motion to return to Open Session: Motion by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Merk to return to open session, and all members approved. Announcements will be made in Committee reports.

New Business - Committee Reports:

Personnel:

MOTION: Motion by recommendation of Personnel Committee was made by Mr. Branyon to approve employee Christmas Bonuses. All members approved.

Mr. Branyon advised they will set up a meeting for applicants within the week. They will also talk to other employees.

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve the purchase of new tires for several trucks (approximately 3900.00 per truck) in the amount of \$12859.17. All members approved.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to approve the amount to maintain the Diesel Laptops software system in the amount of \$5200. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Dickerson to call another vendor on the hydrotest. All members approved. Mr. Keaton advised Chief Sutherland to inform the Commission of the cost. Mr. Merk added to make it quick to call another vendor.

Planning & Development: None

Communications: None

Department Reporting: Tim Burton presented the report for Maintenance. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland extended an invitation to the Commission and staff for the Headquarters Christmas dinner at Tuckers on December 2 at 6:30 pm and if you have any kids 12 years old or younger in attendance to please let him know. He also requested the Christmas Eve holiday for staff, as it is a state holiday, but is not officially on the holiday calendar for Headquarters.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Branyon to approve the Christmas Eve holiday. All members approved.

Chief Sutherland also reported that there were two firefighter injuries during the month and both should be clear for duty soon.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: Brad Hart reported that the November County Chiefs meeting has been cancelled due to it being a holiday week and there were no big agenda items. He advised there will be an Advisory Board meeting November 24th at Headquarters at 6 pm.

Comments from Others: Friendship Station 15 Chief Matthew Ashley expressed appreciation to Chief Sutherland and all Headquarters staff for the help last week on a structure fire with a fatality.

Brad Hart advised Districts 1, 2 and 3 have trained on the accountability system so far, District 4 personnel are already familiar, and District 5 will be scheduled soon.

Assistant Chief Freeman gave an update on the reporting system.

Greg Dunn and Caleb Holcombe from Centerville Station 9 expressed concerns regarding the dispatch SOGs and wreck responses.

Pendleton Station 2 Chief Tommy Brock expressed concerns with vendors.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Merk to change the time of the December Commission meeting of 12/16/2025 to 9 am following breakfast at 8 am. The vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anglo Bryant

APPROVED BY:



TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN



RANDY WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN



CHARLIE DICKERSON, TREASURER



CHRIS BRANYON

BRYAN MERK

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