

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 12/16/2025

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

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

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

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 11/18/2025 meeting made by Mr. Branyon, second was made by Mr. Wilson, and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda of 12/16/2025 was made by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Dickerson, and all members approved.

There were no visitors.

Old Business- Committee Reports:

Personnel: Mr. Branyon introduced a new hire, Anna Bryan, and welcomed her to her new position at Headquarters. She comes to Headquarters after working for Anderson County for 11 years.

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules and Regulations: None

Maintenance: Chief Sutherland gave an update on hydrotesting. They have finished the flow test and repairs on all the packs that had issues and all those packs have all been returned. Still have 7 stations that they are still having working on the packs. Those stations are 1, 10, 18, 21, 23, 25, and 27. They should be done with these by the first or second week of January, as long as nothing comes up. This is ahead of schedule, based on what was originally quoted.

Chief Sutherland gave an update on the proposed date of when the new trucks should be available. Proposed dates of 1/26/2026 and 2/13/2026. They are going to try to handle this all at one time. No exact date for the ladder truck has been given. A proposed date is for February 2026.

Equipment has been ordered for the two new trucks. Equipment is coming in around \$54,000, roughly around \$25,000 a truck. This is less than what we were originally quoted. Chief Sutherland is working with Brad to get a list of equipment needed for the ladder truck.

Planning and Development: Mr. Dickerson presented an agreement to purchase a real estate contract to build a sub-station in Pendleton. The agreement is for Station 2 to build a sub-station on Swaney Circle. We have the agreement and the drawings. Since it is coming from a Committee it does not require a discussion. Mr. Brock said the architect and town approved the agreement. All in favor, no opposition.

Communications: None

Motion to go into Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Branyon to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contract issue and personnel issue. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to return to Open Session: Motion by Mr. Branyon, second by Mr. Dickerson to return to open session, and all members approved.

New Business-Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules and Regulations: None

Maintenance: None

Planning and Development: None

Communications: None

Department Reporting: Anthony Hamby presented the report for the Fire Marshall and assisted other departments as needed.

Mr. Hamby and Mr. Kay have been working on getting fire prevention things in order. They have looked into fixing some things on the interior of the smoke house. Chief Sutherland has been in contact with Spartan and checking into getting it wrapped. Kevin Kay has been getting quotes for a new smoke house inflatable since ours is no longer working. Trying to see if some local partners are willing to help sponsor a new smoke house since they are so expensive. Kevin Kay is working on applying for grants with Duke, Fort Hill, Sunbrella, Bosch, Michelin, and Arthrex.

Most companies only offer a set time to be able to apply for the grants, which can make it difficult. There are only 3 major manufacturers of these trailers. JHB, Mobile Concepts, and Lion. The City of Anderson has a Mobile Concepts. It is the cheapest one, coming in at \$168,000. If we get one that is more expensive with utilities, we would like to look at it being able to be used when these partners have training days and Family Fun Days. These usually cost around \$273,000. A good trailer will cost around \$ 300,000, but a typically last for a long time. We have had our smoke house for 30 years. This would be a one-to-two-year program that will take time to get funding.

Replacement bounce house with logo is around \$ 7,000. Another option would be a firehouse obstacle course. Those usually run around \$ 8,000. Should be getting final pricing this week.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland extended thanks to Mr. Hamby and Mr. Kay for getting quotes for a new bounce house and smoke house. He also thanked them for applying for the grants.

Comments from the Advisory Board: Chief Hart had a meeting last month. Setting up a meeting soon to have a meeting with the Advisory Board and all the stations that run First Responder calls to discuss First Responder response.

Chief Tommy Brock wanted to get all calls put back to Priority calls, rather than having to dispatch themselves. Concerned with people having breathing issues not getting put on priority calls, but someone needing help for an overdose could get assistance by use of NARCAN.

Mr. Keaton advised Chief Brock to run all calls if he wanted to until it can be brought before the Advisory Committee for clarity.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Branyon with a second from Mr. Dickerson.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Anna Bryan*

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APPROVED BY:

TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

RANDY WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

CHARLIE DICKERSON, TREASURER

CHRIS BRANYON

BRYAN MERK