

**WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Thursday, March 16, 2000  
(Adopted 5/18/2000)**

The Wake County Fire Commission met Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Members Present:** Cloyce Anders, External Facilitator  
Yevonne Brannon, Wake County Commissioner  
Ed Brinson, West Region/Primary  
Tony Chiotakis, West Region/Alternate  
Ray Echevarria, Director-Fire/Rescue Division  
Phil Mitchell, South Region/Primary  
Ned Perry, Citizen/Consumer  
Sidney Perry, President of Fireman's Association  
Donald Pierce, South Region/Alternate  
A.C. Rich, North Region/Primary  
Ron Roof, North Region/Alternate  
Charles Sannipoli, Citizen/Consumer  
Buddy Scarboro, Wendell Town Representative  
Nancy Schwarm, Citizen/Consumer  
Tom Vaughan, East Region/Primary

**Members Absent:** Blaine Parks, Citizen/Consumer(Alternate)  
Rodney Privette, East Region/Alternate  
Bonnie Woodruff, Citizen/Consumer

**Staff Present:** Chris Perry, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal  
Dewey Poole, Fire/Rescue Training Director  
John Callaway, Public Safety Shift Supervisor  
Sherry Scoggins, Executive Secretary

Cloyce Anders called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Roll call of members was taken. After roll, Mr. Anders introduced Chief Ron Roof, North Region/Alternate representative.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Upon motion of Cloyce Anders, seconded by Ned Perry, the Wake County Fire Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the February 10, 2000, meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

### **Apparatus/Facilities Subcommittee:**

Mr. Ned Perry read the minutes of the March 13, 2000, Apparatus/Facilities Subcommittee meeting into the record as well as distributed copies of the minutes.\* The main agenda item is the proposed Willow Springs fire station. The subcommittee requested additional information from Ray Echevarria, Dewey Poole, and Chief Melvin.

Accepted report.

### **Manpower/Staffing Subcommittee:**

No report was submitted.

## **Budget Presentation and Discussion:**

Ray Echevarria did budget presentation as well as distributed handouts of the budget presentation.\* Ray reviewed the three proposed budget scenarios and stated all three scenarios would be given to the County Budget Office.

Scenario one and two are based on 6% growth and a revenue neutral fire tax rate.

Scenario three based on operation budget requests from all fire departments.

Mr. Sannipoli made a motion to leave the tax rate at 8.5 cents with 6.5 cents for operational expenses and 2 cents for CIP and depreciation. Seconded by Chief Brinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sannipoli stated he would write up the motion for Ray to have it included in the comments portion of the Fire/Rescue Staff Recommendations from the Wake County Fire Commission.

Chief Vaughan made a motion to support Fire/Rescue Staff Recommendation Scenario Two for operational expenses only. Seconded by Chief Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.

Firefighters retirement fund will be discussed at the May Wake County Fire Commission Meeting.

### **Public Comments:**

Chief Robert Pearce of Wake New Hope Fire Department was recognized:

- If we are moving toward a different budget process for next year, would appreciate more time to prepare for the process.
- Thinks it is unfair for the region representatives to distribute budget recommendation. All fire chiefs would like the same information as the Wake County Fire Commission as it relates to the fire department budgets.

### **Adjournment:**

With no other business, motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. made by Cloyce Anders. Motion seconded by Ms. Brannon. Motion carried unanimously.

\* Handout - Minutes of the March 13, 2000, Apparatus/Facilities Subcommittee

\* Handout - Power Point Presentation of FY2000-2001 Fire Department Budgets - Fire/Rescue Staff Recommendations

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