

**WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – FY 05 FIRE BUDGET
RECOMMENDATION**

Thursday, April 15, 2004

ADOPTED Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A special called meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, April 15, 2004, 6:30 PM in the EMS Training Classroom located at lower level of the Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Cloyce Anders presided as Facilitator and called the meeting to order.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The following members were present: Mr. Cloyce Anders, Chief Mike Chambers, Chief Scottie Harris, Commissioner Harold Webb, Chief Tony Mauldin, Mr. Vernon Malone, Mr. Billy Myrick, Chief Rodney Privette, Chief Chris Wilson, Chief Scott McCollum, Mr. Lucius Jones, and Chief Tom Vaughn.

Members absent were: Chief Paul Dunwell, Mr. Jeff Frazier, Ms. Ann Suggs, and Chief Mike Cooper.

FY 05 FIRE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Ben Canada gave a presentation on the FY 05 fire budget recommendation. Following the presentation, Mr. Canada guided a question and answer session on the various recommendations. Mr. Canada provided option for an appeals process. The fire budget recommendation will be presented to the Wake County Board of Commissioners on May 19, 2004.

After discussion, Chief Tom Vaughn motioned for the Fire Commission to recommend accepting budget office recommendation for funding Wake County fire departments for FY 04 – 05 subject to appeals. Mr. Billy Myrick seconded the motion. The motion passed, 8 – aye, 1 – nay.

Chief Scottie Harris motioned that the budgets at a minimum remain at what the budgets were last year. After discussion, the motion was revised to be a recommendation to the budget office to fund appeals without reducing recommended funding to other fire departments. The budget committee will work with County staff on the appeals process.

The Fire Commission agreed to reschedule the regular May meeting from May 20, 2004, to May 13, 2004, to review the FY 04-05 budget recommendation after the appeals process. An additional issue for budget office follow up is to determine and distribute municipal tax rates for fire protection.

Fire Commission adjourned meeting.