

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
Thursday, April 30, 2009
Special Called Meeting – FY10 Budget Recommendation
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 30, 2009, 6:30 PM, in the Wake County EMS Training Facility, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lucius Jones called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Commissioner Paul Coble, Chief Tony Mauldin, Mr. Billy Myrick, Mr. Robert Stagg, Chief Tom Vaughan, Chief David Cates, Battalion Chief Lee Price, Chief Cecil Parker, Chief Rodney Privette, and Chief Mark Haraway.

Members absent were: Ms. Ann Suggs, Chief Chris Wilson, Chief Mike Cooper, and Ms. Barbara Poole.

The following County staff were present: Commissioner Lindy Brown, Deputy County Manager Joe Durham, Fire/Rescue Services Director Raymond Echevarria, Budget and Management Analyst Jason Horton, and Public Safety Business Manager Demetric Potts.

Mr. Myrick gave an invocation.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

CONSIDER BUDGET COMMITTEE'S FY10 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE TAX DISTRICT BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Chief Cecil Parker, Budget Committee Chair, provided a presentation on the Budget Committee's recommended FY10 fire tax district budget. Discussion followed on the recommendation.

Chief Mauldin asked why the position allocated in the current year for Fuquay-Varina Fire Department was on the list for redistribution in FY10. Clarification was made that the position was still available for Fuquay if the Town matches the position.

Clarification was also offered on the position originally allocated to the Town of Apex Fire Department. A recommendation will be offered to the Fire Commission at the May meeting on allocation of the Apex position.

Chief Vaughan requested detail information on the fire training budget. Chief Vaughan requested information on:

3124 Food/Catering	\$4,100
3301 Airfare	\$2,300
3303 Conference/Training	\$2,100
3305 Certification/Licensing	\$3,700
3306 Lodging	\$2,880
3307 Meals	\$2,600

The Fire Commission discussed the methodology for providing operating increases for fire departments and the inclusion of six new firefighter positions.

After discussion, Battalion Chief Lee Price motioned that the Fire Commission approve the Budget Committee's recommendation with two exceptions:

- Do not include adding the six new firefighter positions
- Hold the approximately \$16,000 appropriated per department for operating increases in a contingency fund for a department that has a financial difficulty to request funds from.

After a second by Commissioner Paul Coble, discussion followed. Clarification was made that the operating increase funds would be held in a contingency line item and that the Fire Commission would approve any operating increases. Further clarification was made that the FY09 positions would remain in the budget, and funds for the six new positions in FY10 would remain in fund balance.

After discussion, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.