

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Adopted Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:00 PM, in the Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commission Chair Lucius Jones called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Chief Tim Pope (North Region), Chief Todd Wright (West Region), Chief Rodney Privette (East Region), Chief Tony Mauldin (South Region Alternate), Chair Lucius Jones, Lee Price (Firefighters Association President), Judge Keith Gregory (Citizen/Consumer), and Billy Myrick (Citizen Consumer) .

Other members present: None

The following members were absent: Barbara Poole (Citizen Consumer), Bob Stagg (Citizen Consumer), Judge Michael Denning (Citizen/Consumer), Lee Price (Firefighter's Association), Chief David Price (South Region Alternate), Chief Ron Early (North Region Alternate), Chief Garland Johnston (West Region Alternate), Chief Chris Perry (East Region Alternate), Commissioner Phil Matthews (WC Commissioners), and Commissioners Paul Coble (WC Commissioners).

The following County officials and staff were present: Fire Services Director Mike Wright, Emergency Services Manager Demetric Potts, Charlie Johnson (Fire Services), and Wake County Budget Director Michelle Venditto.

Vice Chair Billy Myrick gave an invocation.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion of Chief Tony Mauldin and second by Chief Rodney Privette, the Fire Commission unanimously approved the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Chief Rodney Privette and second by Judge Keith Gregory, the Fire Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDER BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2015 APPARATUS PURCHASES

Fire Services Director Mike Wright informed the Fire Commission that the Budget Committee met and recommended to transfer funds from the FY13 Large Apparatus – Rural (Unit 067F) Apparatus Account to the FY15 Large Apparatus – Rural (Unit 082F) Apparatus Account is necessary to cover the cost difference between the budgeted amount of \$420,000 and the base cost of the lowest responsible bidder which is \$424,999. This is \$4,999 per apparatus for a total of \$14,997. Additionally, funding for travel to the factory for pre-acceptance inspection of the apparatus is allocated in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 per apparatus for a total of \$12,000. The total amount to be transferred is \$26,997.

Upon motion of Billy Myrick and second by Chief Tony Mauldin the Fire Commission unanimously approved the Budget Committee request to transfer \$26,997 from the FY 2013 Large Apparatus – Rural (Unit 067F) to FY2015 Large Apparatus – Rural (Unit 082F) Account.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRE COMMISSION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Fire Services Director Mike Wright informed the Fire Commission that the Fire Tax District Region Chiefs have recommended the region representatives for Fire Commission Standing Committees. The chairs of the committees have been established either by previous assignment on a standing committee, recommendation from a region or as a volunteer. The Region Chiefs are seeking support from the Fire Commission to appoint the Committee Representatives as recommended.

Mr. Billy Myrick requested that Chair Jones add a Vice Chair appointee to each Standing Committee.

Upon motion of Chief Tony Mauldin and second by Chief Todd Wright the Fire Commission unanimously approved the Standing Committee assignments based upon the region recommendations for membership.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2015 MEETING DATES

Fire Services Director Mike Wright provided to the Fire Commission for approval the following calendar for FY 2015 meeting dates:

Fire Commission meets the third Thursday of every other month. The proposed schedule for calendar year 2015 is:

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	January 15, 2015	7:00 PM
Thursday	March 19, 2015	7:00 PM
Thursday ****	May 21, 2015	7:00 PM
Thursday	July 16, 2015	7:00 PM
Thursday	September 17, 2015	7:00 PM
Thursday	November 19, 2015	7:00 PM

**** In past years, the May meeting has been rescheduled to coordinate with the County's budget process. The May 21, 2015 meeting may or may not be rescheduled.

Upon motion of Billy Myrick and second by Chief Rodney Privette the Fire Commission unanimously approved the Calendar Year 2015 Meeting Dates.

INFORMATION AGENDA

FIRE TAX FINANCIAL REPORT

Demetric Potts stated that he has included the Fire Tax Financial Report that shows the current status of CIP and operating budget for FY 2015 in the Agenda Packet. He asked if there were any questions related to the Financial Reports. Chief Tim Pope asked if there was an update on the Tag & Tax fees. Demetric stated that there had not been an update prepared and that staff would inquire of Revenue Director Marcus Kinrade the status of revenue collections for Tag & Tax fees.

CHAIR REPORT

None.

FIRE SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Fire Services Director Mike Wright shared that the Fire Services Training Division had filled its vacancy and, Brad Pace would start work on November 10th. Director Wright shared that staff was continuing to investigate options for health insurance for the Fire Services departments. He also shared that he had begun having the Fire Staff Work Sessions with the Fire Chiefs. The intent was to meet once a month to discuss and share common interest of the fire service for approximately 1.5 hours. He stated that the group started meeting in October working towards developing the Fire Services / Fire Tax District Standard of Cover. Finally, Director Wright shared that in December Kent Greene with Emergency Services Consulting International would be presenting to the Fire Commission the Cost Sharing, Funding, and Service Delivery Analysis Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned