

## Fire Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Meeting began at 1930 hours gaveled by Chairman Tucker. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) withdrew his name from nominations before the election started.

**\*\*Commission meeting recessed\*\***

**\*\*Election Convention Convened\*\*** (Harve Woods and Bob McGee)

- Unanimous ballot-**Motioned and Approved**
- Accept election results-**Motioned and Approved**
- Reconvene Commission meeting-**Motioned and Approved**

**\*\*Commission meeting in session\*\***

Commissioner Kuenzli (Randy) had 1 volunteer for equivalency, Issac Webster, Co. 33-**Motioned and Approved.**

Randy then requested the following expenditure approvals:

Station 28	\$2164.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter insurance – <b>Motioned and Approved</b>
Station 48	\$4487.77	repair to BX48 pumper – <b>Motioned and Approved</b>
Station 1	\$2310.50	reimbursement of shirts - <b>Motioned and Approved</b>

Commissioner Bodrick (Tyrone) requested the approval of a medical physical appeal as “passed” for applicant Kojo Brooks, Co. 27 – **Motioned and Approved.** Tyrome also stated he had the trainings CD’s to give out to each company from the Administrative Training day on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chaplain Report, Chaplain Litchfield (Warren) gave an update on our sick and injured members, some of note: Joe Robinson had hip surgery and is not allowing visitors, Barry Johnson and Shannon Walker both had surgery, he gave the details on funerals services for Bob Jacobs and announced that Ken Rose for Co. 40’s brother had passed away.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) thanked everyone for getting the fit testing done and stated that as of tonight we are at 82% compliance (and increase of 75% at last meeting). There are 1570 issued masks which came out of the audit. He stated that the new cars and looking good and are almost done being stripped and geared with lights and sirens. Chief Bashoor also stated that the new Ambulances would be in this summer; COT money is held up but the EKG monitor money is to be cut loose. Chief stated that 9-11 Stair climb raffle tickets are being sold in the hallway.

Volunteer Services Command, DFC McClelland (Jim) Jim stated that the Training review is ongoing with the documents turned in. VSU requests are due by next Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim also stated that 5 stations are at 100% compliance with fit tests and that AVL 1<sup>st</sup> due boundaries

are to be adjusted. Jim closed with an announcement that the RMS personnel updates are in and have been given to the Commission for data entry.

Commissioner Breen (Bobby) requested approval of the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby requested approval of the following request:

Station 29 1 for 1 vehicle replacement (CMD vehicle) – **Motioned and Approved**

Bobby then read Commissioner Taylors report as he was absent.

Commissioner Taylor (Bill) Bill attended the Glassmanor T.N.I meeting and gave a presentation of the Coalition for Public Safety in Schools, Inc. mission and purpose of the organization; he attended several meetings with Council Members along with fellow Commissioners to discuss the FY2016 budget. Bill is also continuing to schedule more meetings with the additional Council Members at this time; he attended a Commission work session on March 25<sup>th</sup> and he met with the Office of Ethics and Accountability staff to discuss the procedures on developing a training class for the Cadet Program. (Read by Commissioner Breen)

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) Kenny opened by reminding everyone to spend the Tool, Training and Uniform account monies each station was provided with this fiscal year so we can demonstrate the need for continuance of this funding-he further reminded everyone that the requests should be submitted no later than the end of April to be processed this FY. Kenny also attended council meetings with Commissioner Taylor, he requested Co. 13 & 24 to see him after the meeting and reported on 508 summary.

Commissioner King (Buddy) presented the following LOSAP Company Reports for approval:

Station 1, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 21, 2014 as corrected – **Motioned and Approved**

Buddy requested Station 37 Award – David Crigger, 31 years, effective 5/1/15 – **Motioned and Approved**

Chairman Tucker (Jay) announced that the Ambulance billing issues are still ongoing and we as volunteers need to make sure we are QA'ing patients to get the correct/complete information. CIP projects have not been started, Jay also touched on SAP program issues and that to fix the program to do what it was supposed to do will now cost the County 100 million instead of the original 60 million. Jay was asked by Co. 21/42 about holding Bingo at their hall and stated that DPIE and the FD were jointly working together to help them establish and agreement. Jay then stated that the Commission is working on the Station Management Contractual wording changes to include grant money guidelines. Jay also announced that he has been working hard to get Patriot Fire as a County approved vendor.

Jay presented the following expenditure requests:

Station 14 replacement of Ambo fuel maintenance – **Motioned and Approved**

Station 32 \$2550.00 remodel bay door and windows – **Motioned and Approved**

Commissioner Stack (Kenny) asked if Co. 31 would see him after and spoke briefly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Career Commission spot stating that he had met with all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bigony (Jon) Jon opened with the fact that the STORES is currently up-to-date but that there is an issue with the coolant additive for the apparatus as it is not in stock, he stressed to not override store numbers and allow 1-2 weeks to try to update prices with current process. He then announced that in July he will have served 6 years on the Commission and over 20 years as President of Bowie VFD and entered the FD 1980.

Office of the Fire Chief, Chief Bashoor (Chief Bashoor) announced that the radio reprogramming group to include voice dispatching will be done in all stations and stressed the fact that every radio will need to be touched in order to reprogram. He announced that the Valor Awards held at Martin's Crosswinds will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and cost \$40/ticket or \$400/table.

PGCVFRA, President, Chuck Walker (Chuck) next Association meeting will be held at Co. 32 next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, eat early. May 17<sup>th</sup>, Co. 44 is having a fundraising Cash Bingo.

PGCVFRA, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Steven King (Steven) brought up some gear issues about people being measured for gear but not receiving the gear or can't get gear at which point Chief Bashoor stepped in and stated that he is trying to provide some guidance on the issue and stated that we do not have a vendor for gear and haven't had one in some time.

Kentland Co. 33, Donald (Patch) offered a rebuttal to Chief Bashoor regarding the issuing of a second set of hoods and gloves for ALL riding members.

LA-PGCVFRA, President Hetz (Louis) stated that the Ladies meeting would be tomorrow night, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Co. 55.

Branchville, Frank Underwood (Frank) stated that there are 2 pallets of water at Logistics as well as the ice packs are in.

PGCVFRA Past President, Pete Mellits (Pete) had a question on the election being followed in accordance with the MoU; Chairman Tucker stated that he has followed the election proceedings and results in accordance with the MoU.

Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Harry Hetz and a motion to adjourn was entertained and approved. The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Fire Services Building.

*Minutes recorded and typed by Brittany Smith, Recruiter and Assistant Secretary.*

