

# Chester County Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Street

Chester, SC 29706

July 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Bobby Jones and opened in prayer by Bobby Jones.

Commission Members Present: Beard, Jones, Weir, Nicholls

Departments Present: Lewis, Richburg, Fort Lawn, Lando

Special Guests: John Agee, Eddie Murphy, Jay Williams, Mike Ehrmantraut, T. Melton, Sherry Melton, Allen Culp, David McCain, Eric Hudson.

**Weir motioned to approve the agenda with additional items of Richburg ladder truck grant, Richburg call volume and plans for GiTi Tire. Also, an executive session for personnel matter, Nicholls seconded; motion passes**

**Weir motioned to approve the June meeting minutes, Beard seconded, motion passes.**

Beth Suber gave the Fire Coordinators Report.

## Old Business

- Fort Lawn SCBAs – Allen Culp addressed the Commission on his department’s acquisition of 8 old SCOTT SCBAs, RIT pack and 18 4500 SCOTT cylinders. Allen said these were to replace the 6 Survivair SCBAs and 12 2216 cylinders that were in service that the County had purchased. Allen said that he would like to turn back in to the County the 6 Survivair SCBAs and 12 cylinders and the County maintain 6 SCOTT SCBAs and 12 SCOTT cylinders. Fort lawn FD would be responsible for maintaining the remaining 6 SCOTT cylinders, 2 SCOTT SCBAs and the RIT pack. There was discussion on the subject, Bobby Jones said that he would rather have uniformity in the County and all departments have the same type of SCBA. **Weir motions to table issue for further research, Nicholls seconded; motion passes.**

## New Business

- Planning for GiTi Tire Company – John Agee addressed the Commission on the equipment that he felt Richburg FD would need to provide adequate fire protection for the GiTi Tire plant and maintain his ISO rating. John said that Richburg has applied for a

\$500,000 grant for a new ladder truck but would need an additional \$600,000 to complete the purchase that he said the County would have to provide. Richburg applied for a \$50,000 grant through Catawaba Regional for other needed equipment and also a \$250,000 grant through Honeywell Corporation for SCBAs and turnout gear. John said he would also need a 6000 psi compressor to fill SCBA cylinders and an 800 mhz radio system. John said the County would have to find a way to fund this equipment.

- Richburg FD calls – John explained that so far his department has run 390 calls, 58 of which has be mutual aid to other districts and his district has received aid only for 22 calls. He stated that he doesn't have enough money to cover expenses of running this many calls. Bobby Jones stated that the Commission has asked for additional funds from the County but the County was unable to provide the additional funds.
- Richburg Dodge Brush Unit - John Agee gave an update concerning his new brush unit. He has received the invoice for the skid unit but has not received a bill yet. When the bill is received it will be forwarded to the Fire Coordinator's Office so that Rural Fire could pay the \$1793.43 that the Commission agreed to pay at the May meeting.
- New 2015-2016 budget – Beth presented the Commission with the 2015-2016 Rural Fire Budget. Beth discussed with the Commission the equipment money for this year's budget needs to be voted on and released. **Weir motions to release \$1800 to each department for equipment purchases, Beard seconds; motion passes.** Beth said she needed the approval to release funds so the 2015 annual truck maintenance schedule could be started. **Nicholls motions to proceed with the maintenance schedule and to approve the purchase order request for \$25,000 for the maintenance costs; Beard seconded; motion passes.**
- New equipment policy discussion – The Commission discussed creating a written policy concerning departments purchasing and acquiring equipment without approval from the Commission. Beth said would put together some information on a policy and come back to the Commission at a future date.

**Weir motions to enter executive session, Nicholls seconds; entered into executive session at 7:00 pm.**

**Nicholls motions to exit executive session, seconded by Weir; exited executive session at 7:21 pm.**

Jones stated no action was taken and topic was taken as information only.

**Weir motioned to adjourn meeting, Nichols seconds; motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

