



# *Rural Fire Commission*

598 Saluda Road  
Chester, South Carolina 29706

September 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Bobby Jones and opened in prayer by Bobby Jones.

Commission Members Present: Jones, Beard, Nicholls, Martin, Stone

Departments Present: Fort Lawn, Lando, Richburg, South Chester

Special Guests: Fort Lawn Fire Department Board members, Anthony Knight, Gene Hudson, Eddie Murphy, Allen Culp, Paul Caldwell, John Agee

## **Citizens Comments:**

- Gwen Lazenby with the Fort Lawn Fire Board gave an update on the Fort Lawn sub station, she stated they were making progress with the station and will start ground breaking soon.

## **Fire Coordinators Report:**

- Forestry checks are in, each chief sign the sign-out sheet before receiving check
- Forestry is accepting applications for the 2017/18 grant if you turn in quotes to the fire service office by September 15th our office will gladly fill out the paperwork for you. If no quotes are turned in our office will not do your forestry grant this year
- You will be receiving paperwork for turnout gear inspections. This paperwork will need to be completed and turned in within a month. This paperwork is required by OSHA and NFPA, it also allows our office to plan for automatic replacement for your department
- Pump Testing & Ladder Testing is complete all trucks passed, all ladders passed except for 1.
- Seagrave has completed the yearly maintenance on all county vehicles
- Safe Industries will be completing airpack testing this week
- Forestry Grants for 2017/2018 will be due by the end of this month, if any department does not turn in quotes the fire coordinators office will not complete their grant.



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## **Old Business:**

City Truck Rotation- Chief Paul Caldwell came before the commission as he did in July to get the City FD put back on the county truck rotation asking for a tanker to replace his oldest one in the fleet. Bobby Jones stated a deal was struck between the city and the county back in the early 90's to put the city fire department on the truck rotation. Gail Nicholls motions to add the city fd back to the truck rotation, Hugh Stone seconded, motion passes.

South Chester FD 1111- B. Thomson station in the July meeting the question was brought up about what to do with South Chester's old pumper. Take it out of service or leave it as a reserve pumper. Andy Martin motions to leave 1111 as a reserve pumper and keep it at South Chester sub station, Billy Beard seconded motion passes.

## **New Business:**

Great Falls FD MOU- B. Thomson stated he and Chief Rice were working on a memorandum of understanding between the county and the town of Great Falls, the final version was presented to the Rural Fire Commission. Hugh Stone motions to approve the MOU, Gail Nicholls seconded motion passes.

820 pump- John Agee presented to the commission the pump on 820 had blown going to a call and he wanted to replace it with a self-driven pump using a diesel motor he received from forestry. He stated he wanted to install a Darley 400 gpm pump that should cost roughly \$4000 and he would like the county to split the bill 50/50 with Richburg FD. Andy Martin motions to approve the pump installation on 820 with the county spending no more than \$2000.00 on the pump repairs, Gail Nicholls seconded motion passes.

Equipment money- B. Thomson stated the commission needed to vote on the department equipment money of \$1800.00 for the 17/18 budget. Billy Beard motions to approve \$1,800.00 per department to use for equipment money, Andy Martin seconded motion passes.

Fort Lawn FD TIC- B. Thomson stated Fort Lawn FD's thermal imaging camera quit working and it would cost a little over \$2800.00 to fix the Bullard camera and Fort Lawn fire department was asking for two FLIR cameras costing \$1800.00 per camera. Andy Martin motions to buy Fort Lawn FD two cameras, Gail Nicholls seconded motion passes.

New SCFD pumper- Kris Grant and Gene Hudson from the truck committee presented the KME Predator wide body pumper to the commission and presented a slideshow for commercial vs. custom chassis. After the presentation there was some discussion about the differences in the chassis and safety differences between the two. Billy Beard motions to postpone any decisions



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until the next meeting so the commission could see the comparison on prices between the two chassis, Andy Martin seconded motion passes.

Chiefs Association request- Allen Culp presented a list of requests from the chiefs association regarding miss communication between the chiefs association and the rural fire commission. Bobby Jones stated the fire chiefs are already involved with all the committees having to deal with input from finance to equipment. Bobby Jones also stated the budget was public info and the fire office could provide a copy of that with the fire coordinators report during the chiefs meeting. The rural fire commission took all this information in and decided to review all the committees and update the personnel.

**Gail Nicholls motions to adjourn, Billy Beard seconded motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm