



Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706

February 24th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Andy Weir and opened in prayer Beard at 6:30 pm.

Commission Members Present: Weir, Nicholls, Walley, Beard, Edwards

Departments Present: Richburg, Rossville, Lewis, Lando and South Chester

Special Guests: None

Motion by Walley, second by Beard to approve agenda.

Walley motions to approve the minutes Edwards seconded, motion passes.

Citizens Comments:

Tyson Melton thanked the commission for their hard work and stated there is a noticeable difference in communication with the board.

Fire Coordinators Report:

Given by Barkley, see attached

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- **Fire Chiefs Association-** Jay Williams- the association is trying to get a 1% class on how to spend/manage the money given to the departments. April 2nd is a possible date for the class. York Tech College is working on getting more credits towards fire science degrees. They would like the commission to have their meetings at different fire departments through out the county so the members may be familiar with what they are dealing with.
- **Beard motions; Walley seconds to have Marchs' meeting at Lewis fire dept. motion passed**
- **South Chester-** Gene Hudson- they received a partial grant to replace the tank on their tanker. They need another \$56,000 to complete the replacement.
- **Richburg-** John Agee- his budget is about \$3,000 more than last year due to increased call volume.
- **Rossville-** Acquired a new brush truck, requesting to add it to the county's insurance.



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- **Nicholls motions, Edwards seconds to add truck to insurance. Motion passed.**
- **Hazmat-** Need an endorsement from the commission to move the coordinators office into the new Hazmat building once it is complete.
- **Walley motions, Beard seconds to send letter to County to move office to the new hazmat building. Motion passed.**
- **Budget-** changes were made to the budget per the meeting on 2/18/20. Barkley discussed 3-part times being put into the budget.
- **Nicholls motions, Beard seconds to put part timers into budget, motion passed. Walley motions, Beard seconds to approve budget with increase to Richburg, South Chester and Lewis, if the county will give us an increase; Motion passed.**
- **Chief Murphy-** suggested we review our claims through insurance and see if there are procedures and training, we can provide to reduce accidents

Nicholls motions to adjourn, Beard seconds

Meeting adjourned at 19:23 pm