

Chester County Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Street

Chester, SC 29706

January 26, 2015

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

Commission Members Present: Martin, Jones, Weir, Mayhugh, Beard, Stone

Departments Present: Lando, Richburg

Special Guests: Richard Miller, Eddie Murphy, Mike Ermantraut, Erica Hoehl, John Agee, Eric Hudson.

Weir motions to approve the agenda, Beard seconds; motion passes

Beard motioned to approve the past meetings minutes, Weir seconds, passes.

Citizen Comments: Eddie Murphy addressed the Commission on the agreed value of engine 411 and his brush truck. He felt like it needed to be more to be able to replace the apparatus if it were totaled.

Beth Hunter gave the Fire Coordinator's Report.

Old Business

- Agreed Value – Beth discussed the agreed value adjustments with the Commission. There were written requests for agreed value changes on three vehicles. **Weir motioned to increase all brush units to an agreed value of \$20,000 and approve the three requested changes, Hugh seconds; motion passes.**
- SOG Approval – Kris presented the SOGs that were approved by the SOG Committee and reviewed by the Chiefs. The operational SOGs were 1-15 Brush Fires and 1-16 Vehicle Fires along with 10 administrative SOGs dealing with forms and fire service office procedure. There was limited discussion on the SOGs. **Martin motioned to approve the Brush Fire, Vehicle Fire and Administrative SOGs, Weir seconds; motion passes.**
- SAFER Grant Update – Beth advised Commission on the work the fire office and EMA have been doing to gather information for a SAFER grant. Information is being gathered from past incident reports to help show a need for more firefighters in the county. She

also stated that departments need to fully complete incident reports because most information is left off.

New Business

- Budget – Beth presented the Finance Committee’s recommendation for the 2015/2016 budget. **Weir motioned to approve the Committee’s recommendation for the 2015/2016 budget, Martin seconded; motion passes.**
- Lando Ladder Truck Insurance – Beard requested that Rural Fire pay for the insurance and upkeep of Lando’s new ladder truck. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the request. Weir motioned that we do not pay for the ladder trucks insurance and upkeep, motion dies due to lack of a second. Beard motioned to drop 431 from county insurance and upkeep and add the ladder truck in its place, motion dies due to lack of a second. **Jones motioned for further discussion of tax districts purchasing equipment and insurance costs with Finance Committee at the budget meeting and requesting guidance from the County on the issue, Mayhugh seconds, Beard amends to include all equipment, Mayhugh seconds; motion passes.**

Weir motioned to adjourn meeting, Mayhugh seconds; motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.