

Chester County Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Street

Chester, SC 29706

September 28th, 2020

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

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

Departments Present: Richburg, Lando and Lewis

Special Guests: John Agee, Eddie Murphy

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

Martin approves minutes, Beard seconds, motion passes

Citizen Comments: None

Barkley Ramsey gave the Fire Coordinator's Report.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- Chief Agee of the Chiefs association- Association will be in constant communication with the Rural Fire Commission. The commission is invited to attend the Chiefs Association meeting. Sherriff Dorsey and Scott Morris will be guests to speak at the meeting
- Martin motions, Beard seconds to approve the updated incentives for the 2020 calendar year, this included removing training due to COVID 19 and not being able to train as a group.
- Chief Agee from Richburg- Chester Metropolitan District is expanding service in Baskinville, they also received an increase from the 1% fund. Chief Agee requested to go before the county council to apply for a matching forestry grant. Motion by Beard, second by Martin, motion approved.
- Chairmen Weir discussed the approval for Lando to go before the county council to apply for a matching forestry grant.
- Asst Chief Jay Williams of Lewis Fire Company- Lewis purchased a 2001 Custom cab and is requesting the county provide insurance coverage for it. Martin motions, Walley seconds to provide insurance, motion passed. Lewis is requesting permission to go before county council to request money to replace the chassis on tanker 620, Martin motions, beards seconds, motion

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- Andy Martin informed the commission that animal control is not responding after 5pm.
- Eddie Murphy, EMA Director- spoke about the county response to the Carolina Poly fire and spoke to the commission regarding forestry grant application procedures.
- Beard motions, Martin seconds to approve all forestry grants for 2020, motion passed.
- Chief Murphy of Lando fire company- asked when the incentive money forms are due; all incentive paperwork needs to be turned into the Fire Coordinators office by MARCH 31st. He also brought up the radio system replacement and the 1 % monies under general discussion.

Beard motions, Martin seconds to move to executive session to discuss a contractual matter; motion passes.

Commission moves to executive session at 7:10 PM.

Commission returns from executive session at 7:30 PM.

A motion was made by Edwards, seconded by Walley to have the fire coordinators office work on a new engine and tanker rotation list and provide it to the commission at the next monthly meeting, motion passed.

Beard motioned to adjourn the meeting, Edwards seconds; motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.