



Rural Fire Commission

598 Saluda Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706

January 24th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mike Walley and opened in prayer by Trowell at 6:00 pm.

Commission Members Present: Martin, Edwards, Walley, Trowell and Hudson

Departments Present: Richburg, Fort Lawn, Lewis and Lando

Special Guests: None

Motion by Hudson, second by Martin to approve agenda, motion passed

Motion by Trowell, second by Hudson to approve the minutes, motion passed

Citizens Comments:

Eddie Murphy- There are 3 housing developments coming into Lando. Commission needs to address how the impact fees are distributed. Commission members should be approaching their council people, the Chiefs are going too. We also need to support paid staff.

David Dutton-We need to get a definitive plan of where we are going as a fire service. There is more information on the geology of Chester County than the fire service. The Gallo project is going to overwhelm emergency services in the county. Money is going out but not coming to the fire service. We need a plan for equipment, money, and manpower for the county's' fire service.

T. Melton- Richburg has 68 commercial structures, most of them pay nothing to the fire departments. Manpower in the county is an issue. Richburg ran 1189 calls in 2021. We need the support of the commission to go to county council.

Fire Coordinators report: Budget is due to the county by February 25th. We are not getting paperwork from 2 departments. At the direction of Chairman Walley, send a letter to all fire departments letting them know what can/will happen if they fail to turn in required paperwork.

Old Business: Truck insurance. We need to decide about cutting off how many trucks we pay for. Richburg is the only department that is currently over our existing policy. A copy of SOG # "2-6 Apparatus Quantity" was presented. After much discussion a motion by Trowell, second by Edwards to update the policy from 8 to 12. The motion was passed with a tie breaker by the Chairman. (Updated SOG is attached).

New Business: Chief association- G. Hudson- Dr Frederick is coming to the February chiefs meeting.



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Radio/truck #'s- We can not use county truck numbers on personal trucks/cars. We do need to discuss with dispatch how we are going to document personal vehicles on calls.

Trucks- We need to discuss moving fire apparatus to departments that need better equipment. The discussion will be tabled until the situation comes about.

Trowell motions, Hudson seconds to adjourn meeting, motion passed

Meeting adjourned 18:30.