



# *Rural Fire Commission*

598 Saluda Road  
Chester, South Carolina 29706

August 30th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mike Walley and opened in prayer Trowell at 6:29 pm.

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

Departments Present: Fort Lawn, Leeds, Lewis and Lando

Special Guests: None

Motion by Trowell, second by Hudson to approve agenda, with amendments

## **Citizens Comments:**

Eddie Murphy- our citizens support our trucks (Lando), day man and buildings. I have 11 trucks and 3 stations. All 11 trucks were deeded to the county.

Tyson Melton-We have purchased a lot of the trucks at our stations (Richburg). We go into a lot of different areas to help other departments too. The policy in place was written in the 90's and the fire service has grown.

John Agee- read the ordinance that created the Richburg fire district. It states that the chief answers to their board not rural fire commission. He stated to send him a bill for the overages in trucks.

Jay Williams- in reference to the item of the Chester city trucks being on the county rotation, there maybe a conflict of interest since commission members Trowell and Hudson are city employees. He suggested we speak to the county attorney regarding this.

## **New Business:**

Chairman Walley- we as commission members are not picking on any specific department. The issue at hand affects Richburg and Lando the most. The current policy was read by chairman Walley.

There is nothing in the policy about how the vehicles are covered regardless of who purchased the vehicle. The apparatus list was amended to show who purchased the vehicles. The county is lacking on purchasing equipment for the fire service.

Hudson- Until the county gives us more money, we can't continue the way we are going. 1/10 of the maintenance budget for the fiscal year has already been sent.

Walley- the policy was adopted in 1997 and amended in 2015.

Agee- we do a lot of the repairs on our own.



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Trowell- do we continue to pay or revert to the policy in place.

Hudson- Maybe we need to approach the county council to give up more money.

Waits- Things need to change, we must cap spending somewhere

Trowell- We need time to figure out how to do this.

Walley- We have an issue we created. We need to hit the council hard to fix this. The policy needs to change. At the next meeting we will work on it and the budget.

City trucks being on county truck rotation- see attached minutes from 9/25/2017 meeting.  
(attached)

We need to define who we help and who we don't.

Hudson motions, Martin seconds to table rotation list discussion until next meeting, motion passed.

Hudson motions, Trowell seconds to adjourn meeting, motion passed

Meeting adjourned 19:24