



Campbell County Fire Commission RUSTBURG, VA

Altavista
Brookneal
Brookville-
Timberlake
Concord
Evington
Gladys
Lyn-Dan Heights
Rustburg

A regular meeting of the Campbell County Fire Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Altavista Volunteer Fire Company.

Members present:

Bill Bigham, Fire Commissioner
Claude Owen, Vice Commissioner
Christin Elliott, Secretary
John Tucker, Altavista VFD
Lee Neal, Altavista VFD
Dean Guthrie, Brookneal VFD
Jerry Womack, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Gerald Mays, Brookville-Timberlake VFD
Kenny Kirby, Concord
Kirk Pugh, BWXT
Alan Maddox, Evington VFD
Lynn Boteler, Gladys VFD
Chick Carwile, Gladys VFD
Mike Watson, Lyn-Dan Heights VFD
Ed Fletcher, Rustburg VFD

Others present:

David Laurrell, County Administrator
Bill Gillespie, Public Safety
Rodney Lawson, Public Safety
Vicki Guthrie, Public Safety
Josh Layne, Altavista VFD
Cecil Lipscomb, Altavista VFD
Steven Spraker, Concord VFD

Commissioner Bigham called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance at 7:31 p.m.

New Business:

- There is \$30,409 left in the ATL fund. Commissioner Bigham discussed using these funds to finish stocking the HazMat trailers and or purchasing hose testers.
- A discussion was held on CIP apparatus replacement. Commissioner Bigham asked departments to come up with brief specs and justifications on why the particular apparatus is needed. Once compiled all the chiefs can sit down and review the needs of each department.

Mr. Laurell felt the Commission was doing the right thing because a plan is needed. He advised he is not sure how long it will take to get the funding into place for these purchases. Everyone needs to be realistic of the current funding stream especially since the County is looking at losing \$6 million from the State over the next 24 months. He stated having a long-term plan in place with potential cost factors would help in the budget process. The County will have to look at needs and go from there.

- Mr. Laurell updated the County on the current ISO issues. ISO is now using a new software program that allows them to plug in distances between fire departments and residences based on GIS information. This has caused increases in some homeowner's premiums. The County has received complaints; therefore Mr. Laurell contacted ISO to see what could be done to alleviate some of the issues. The County is gathering information needed by ISO, especially for the Altavista and Evington areas, where most of the complaints had been received. In Altavista, ISO thought they only responded to the town. In Evington, ISO was not aware that the County utilized a dual dispatch for Station 2. The County will submit information showing the County does utilize a unified dual dispatch under Public Safety. Jerry Womack advised the County now has almost 100% aerial coverage. Ed Fletcher would like to be able to show the citizens how fire service saves homeowners money by possibly posting a newspaper article after the ISO issues are resolved.
- Commissioner Bigham asked if the fire departments could apply for a grant on a redundant communication system on the assumption that it would also help ISO ratings in the future. Possible ideas are text messages, pre-run faxes and in station or in vehicle CAD, which would take additional upgrades to the County's current communications system and would not work County wide. Mr. Laurell advised the EMS side is applying for unified grants and feels the fire side should apply as well. He also suggested using the ATL funding for priority requests.
- Mr. Laurell updated the Commission on the Public Safety Director position. The County received a strong candidate pool and 6 individuals, including Commissioner Bigham, reviewed the applications. Interviews are scheduled for December 8 and they will be interviewing 5 individuals.

- The County Administrators office has been receiving complaints from the northwest portion of the County regarding leaf burning. The County is looking into instituting a leaf burn ban from the railroad west of Lawyers Road westbound and North of Goggin Road and Buffalo Creek.
- Commissioner Bigham introduced Kurt Pugh; B&W representative who will be attending the meetings on behalf of B&W. Commissioner Bigham requested that B&W be included in the department reports.

Committee Reports:

- No one on the Fire Commission was able to attend the last Communications Committee meeting. Mr. Laurrell felt the schedule of those meetings is flexible. The next meeting will be held after the first of the year.

Public Safety Items:

- Rodney Lawson advises the Respiratory Protection Plan is at Physicians Treatment Center waiting on the doctor to sign off. Mr. Lawson asked the departments to hold off on submitting their questionnaires as they must be phased in and he will notify the next department up to be evaluated by e-mail. He is currently working with the questionnaires from Brookville-Timberlake and it will take time to get every one in place for their evaluation and testing.
- The Fire Marshal's office move has been delayed indefinitely due to damage to the Citizens Service Building from a busted water pipe on the second floor. He will advise the update on the move when available.

Other Business:

ATF Fund Purchases-

- Commissioner Bigham suggested funding for gas monitors for the Hazmat Trailer and hose testers that will be strategically placed thorough out County. It is determined that 2 monitors are needed one upwind of an incident and one downwind of an incident.

Mike Watson motioned to purchase 4 gas monitors at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Jerry Womack seconded the motion.

The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Womack, Kirby, Maddox, Boteler, Watson and Fletcher.
Nay- None.

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Lynn Boteler motioned to purchase 2 hose testers not to exceed \$3,000.00 and have one placed at Concord Fire and one at Gladys Fire department. John Tucker seconded the motion.

The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Womack, Kirby, Maddox, Boteler, Watson and Fletcher.
Nay- None.

- Commissioner Bigham asked if there were any departmental needs at this time that the funds could be used for. Rustburg Fire Chief, Ed Fletcher, requested 2 CAF nozzles and hoses for Rustburg's new apparatus. The cost of those nozzles would not exceed \$3000.00.

Jerry Womack motioned to purchase the 2 CAF nozzles and hoses for Rustburg VFD with the cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. John Tucker seconded the motion.

The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Womack, Kirby, Maddox, Boteler, Watson and Fletcher.
Nay- None.

- Kenny Kirby expressed Concord Fire's need for a slide unit to equip their new Command vehicle. The cost would not exceed \$3,000.00.

Jerry Womack made the motion to purchase the slide out unit for Concord Fire Department and the cost not exceed \$3,000.00. Ed Fletcher seconded the motion.

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The vote was: Aye- Tucker, Guthrie, Womack, Kirby, Maddox, Boteler, Watson and Fletcher.
Nay- None.

- Commissioner Bigham will get 3 quotes on the hose tester and will have the Bio-Tec representative at the December meeting to demonstrate the gas monitor. The remainder of the funds will remain the line to be used if a need arises at another time.'

Department Reports:

Altavista- They thanked Evington Fire department for their assistance on an apartment fire.

Brookneal-Quiet

Brookeville-Timberlake- They have been running leaf burning complaints and car w

Concord- They had a car wreck on 460 involving the ejection of a 10-year-old child. Concord also commended the Campbell County Sheriff's Office for their quick response and assistance in traffic control that evening. The conditions were poor and visibility limited, but the deputies on scene were able to re-route the traffic and keep it flowing in a timely manner. The assistance was greatly appreciated.

Evington – Things have been quiet.

Gladys -

Lyn-Dan Heights – Their calls have been about average.

Rustburg – They have had normal amount of calls with one ATV incident involving an 86 year old male which required the rope rescue assistance of Gladys Fire. Chief Fletcher thanked Chick Carwile for his efforts during the incident.

BWXT- Things have been quiet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2009 at Brookneal VFD, 7:30 p.m.