

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

May 15th, 2024

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 33 participants, was gaveled to order by Chair Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain– Opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain's Corps Provided the Champlain's report.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Advised that is has been a couple big been busy weeks talked about a few memos came out over the week.
- Provided an update on General Orders that were being introduced and in the workgroup process.
- Provided an update on the orders being processed.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

Made an authorization request expenditure request for Company 31, so in the form of a motion \$3,139.13 for hose and associated couplings for the engine from Whitmer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)– Excused, Out of Town

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

Made two authorization request expenditure request for Company 27, one for \$3,878 for national flood insurance company, and \$7,341 to Matheny Motors for repairs to Ambulance 827. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report

Made an authorization expenditure request in the form of a motion for company 23 and the amount of \$4,000 for eight members to attend the Maryland Fireman State Association Conference. She was seconded by Vice-Chair Surles and with all in favor the motion passed.

Commissioner Selmon- No report

Commissioner Schaible- Not present.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-

-Enter Vice-Chair Report

Chair Bolden-

-Enter Chair Report-

Recruiter Update:

Provided an update on the recruiting efforts in the County.

Chairman of the Chief Council- Ben Ross (Chief 14)

No report this evening.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association–President Lee Lutz

- The next meeting of the association will be on June 12th, will be hosted by College Park as of this particular moment, we do not have a location yet.
- Continuing to work on the on the county convention that will be in September the 22nd through the 28th.
- We also have a golf tournament that is going to happen on August the 30th for the for the association.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Thanked everyone for purchasing gift cards
- August 24th Bowie Baysox Game
- Spring Conference coming up
- Our Catholic Parish Scholarship Committee will start accepting applications next month for our fall semester.

Questions from the floor:

-Bryan L- Discussed the County budget process and the work that the Commission performs in developing the budget. Also discussed the new General Order for the Commission, and the provided benefits and asked about the process if a commissioner is operationally removed. The chair provided comments and confirmed that while he was operationally removed, he could still function as a fire commissioner.

-Piero M- Provided comments on the Volunteer Qualifications review Board, and how Commissioner Hegwood is more qualified to oversee that operation rather than the appointed Mr. Rose. Also asked about why the PGCVFR was evicted from their space when we are suppose to be “one Department”.

-Brian C asked about the property tax credit, the chair provided an update.

-Janet D asked about the status of the printer/copier they ordered through the County. The chair advised he would look into it.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm. **Time estimated.*

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner Kyle Snyder, Secretary.

**Minutes were written based on recording as the Secretary was not present at this meeting, please excuse any missing information.*