

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 5th, 2024

Tonight's meeting was held virtually with approximately 53 participants, was gavelled 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 –Lt. Mandragos

- No report was provided to him.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 34, 4th Quarter Insurance to Mid-Atlantic Group in the amount of \$2,732.25. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 14, \$9,440.24 - Reimburse General Fund for scene lights Truck 14 and \$3,735.26 - Reimburse General fund for banquet expenditures. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Vice Chair Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the May 1st and May 15th, Commission Minutes that were sent out. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Brought up the summer staffing plan and the District 2 companies that were affected.
- Hoping to receive an update on the orders that were placed on hold, the commissioners were notified by email on May 21st of orders being placed on hold, after several of my district 2 companies were reaching out to get updates. I sent emails on 5/29 and 5/31 to get updates but there has been no reply.
- Asked about Memo #24-28 that was sent out yesterday concerning behavior health and cardiac monitoring, curious if the Commission will or has any oversight on the funding to stand up the program.
- Was glad to hear that there were no injuries in the reported accident involving a Commission vehicle, I am hoping that the documentation of the accident can be shared confidentially to the Commissioners to help dispel any rumors that have been circulating.
- **Made a motion to approve expenditures for Co. 35, the purchase of 10 mattresses in the amount of \$4,000. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditures for Co. 9, insurance payments in the amount of \$15,000 and Tax Preparation in the amount of \$3,800. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No report

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) –

- **Made a motion for an expenditure request for Co. 26 for \$10,303.90 for Lodging for 10 rooms at MSFA convention. The motion was 2nd by Vice-Chair Surles, and with no objections the motion carried.**
- **Made a motion for an expenditure request for Co. 37 for \$5,814.17 for IT equipment purchase. The motion was 2nd by Vice-Chair Surles, with no objection the motion passed.**

Commissioner Selmon- No report

Commissioner Schaible- Not present.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)- Excused

- Reminder that the deadline to submit property tax ID number and other information for the credit is June 10th so that the office can turn the information over to the County by the deadline.
- **Made a motion to approve LOSAP Reports for FY22 7, 22 23 38, LOSAP award for Gerald Ford FY23 Company 29. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor, the motion passed.**

Chair Bolden-

- I attended the quarterly stakeholder meeting with the Association, Union, and Fire Chief. I was happy to hear that the association president agreed to move forward with the physicals.
- Attended the volunteer showcase
- Attended the Deputy's Meeting
- The summer EMT class
- Met with Fire Chief and staff that was put in for FY24 and carrying over into FY25, he is going to explore looking into software for CIP tracking.
- Calander for Commission meetings were sent out for the rest of the year. There is one conflict for January 8th, 2025, which is an Association meeting.
- The Chair's designee provided an update advising they still needed information from: 25, 37, 55.
- Met to discuss the summer staffing plan, will revisit in August to see the status
- The Fire Commission had an accident with a vehicle,
- Two equivalency Matthew Lacasta Station Donminc Berusso co. 14

Recruiter Update:

The volunteer recruiter provided an update on the recruitment.

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

Advised that the Council is meeting tomorrow at Company 9.

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

- Thanked Trish for setting up the expo, and all the companies that participated.
- The State convention will start on 6/17

- Harve Woods will be running for trustee of the MSFA
- Next meeting June 12th hosted by College Park at Greenbelt.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Bowie Baysox Game Fundraiser
- Popcorn fundraiser
- Meeting at Branchville hosted by Greenbelt

Questions from the floor:

-Rich Melito asked about LOSAP payments, he received an increase and a decrease in payments. Also asked about the large hole of coverage that will happen if the summer with this large gap in services with staffing being removed from 55, 35, 14, and 39. The Vice Chair advised she is looking into the issue with Benefits.

-John Lyon asked about the officer certification, advised the MFRI does not provide letters on officer certification status to fulfill this County requirement.

-Vic W asked about the costs of covering Pro Boarding. The chair advised that the County is working with MFRI to cover the costs of Pro Boarding.

-Bryan L asked about insurance coverage, LOSAP benefits, documents from the Fire Chief, a potential volunteer union, if the meeting schedule distributed meant in person and virtual.

-Piero M asked about the physicals, and space at the FSB for the Association.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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