



Prince Georges County Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department

Prayer and pledge by Chaplain Litchfield.

Welcome by President Ransom.

Commissioner Granados:

- Had a couple of questions about the financial handout.

Commissioner Woods:

- Discussed new drivers license and drivers training situation.

Vice Chairman Strine:

- Discussed monthly budget meeting held on Thursday, May 29th. As of May 1st we are only over budget by approximately \$70,000.00. Discussed reasons why it is not as much as once thought and how it will be made up. It looks like we may get a \$300,000.00 budget supplement from the County Executive and with current savings from other areas we may come out about a \$30,000.00 surplus. If we come up with a surplus we need to decide on what to do with it before the end of the fiscal year. Discussed possibilities.
- **Motion by Commissioner Woods second by Commissioner Granados to make the following purchases if we end up with a budget surplus: One Hurst Tool - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and/or Turnout Gear, in that order. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team requesting full funding for station 56. Discussed several ways to fund this request.
Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to take the funds from Building Maintenance and fully fund station 56. Motion approved.
- Received a request from Oxon Hill VFD to spend out of station management funds \$3,038.00 and \$2,711.00 to purchase furniture from State Use Industries.
Motion by Commissioner Fuller second by Commissioner Granados to approve the expenditures from Oxon Hill VFD. Motion approved.

Commissioner Wood:

- **Motion by Commissioner Wood second by Commissioner Granados to grant equivalent training for the following:
William King station 29 – EVOC
Michael Bruzdinski station 34 - FF1
Motion approved.**

Commissioner Fuller:

- The increase to the VRS class to 11 classes per year is working its way through the county and looks like will be no problem.
- There was a little delay with the MFRI contract due to us adding special programs that they had to come up with some prices for. The money next year will be able to be used for both basic and special programs.
- Discussed a manning problem being worked out at station 27.

Secretary Mutchler:

- **Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to accept the minutes of the May 21st meeting as submitted. Motion approved.**
- **Motions by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to approve Mt. Rainier VFD spend \$2,000.00 of station management money for repairs to Truck 3. Motion approved.**
- Received a request from the College Park VFD to spend \$3,026.00 of station management funds for Insurance Policy Renewal.
Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.
- Received a request from the College Park VFD to place a new station owned Ford Expedition on county maintenance and fuel to replace the current county owned Chief's vehicle, which will be turned in.
They are also requesting to place a new station owned Ford F-250 utility truck on county maintenance and fuel to replace the current county owned pick up truck. They would like to keep the current county owned pick up truck on maintenance and fuel and re-classify it as a Foam Support Unit. Currently Foam Unit 12 is unable to carry all of the necessary foam concentrate needed. Designating the county owned pick up truck as the Foam Support unit will enable station 12 crews to keep at the ready the appropriate supply of foam needed for the Foam Unit without having to load and unload the foam for each call for service.
Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Fuller to accept the request to take affect after July 1, 2003. Motion approved.
- Received a request from the Hyattsville VFD to add a second ambulance to their fleet and place it on county maintenance and fuel.
Motion by Secretary Mutchler second by Commissioner Granados to approve the request effective after July 1, 2003. Motion approved.

Chairman Robison:

- Mr. Trexler, Commissioner Smith and Norris will not be here tonight due to illness.
- Received request from the Morningside VFD to spend \$2,720.00 station management funds for insurance.
Motion by Commissioner Granados second by Commissioner Woods to approve the request. Motion approved.
- President Tucker, Vice Chairman Strine and myself meet with Dr. Brown yesterday at the CAB. She had her staff and Bob Mellin from the Office of

Law, Carmen Jackson-Brown and Arlene Tonage-Bucher from the Office of Management and Budget. President Tucker provided two areas of concern, the use of \$50,000.00 for recruitment and retention and resolution 43 or Article 15 of the IAFF Constitution. Both concerns were thoroughly discussed and I feel accepted by Dr. Brown setting up working committees on the suggestions. The Fire Commission had two concerns, Insurance and taking \$7 Million dollars out of the budget and placing it in the Station Management Program. She called this the little budget and said the School Board was working on this type of program. Here again, she is setting up working committees to address the concerns. This is a very positive development and could lead to a new approach to our budget problems.

- Vice Chairman Strine met last Thursday with Lt. Co. Wells in our regular monthly budget meeting. They are now estimating the short fall of this year's budget to be around \$69,000.00. This includes \$30,000.00 that the County Executive added to our budget.
- We are still holding a few Station Management checks. The stations must meet the requirements of the Station Management Contract. Note: Accident and Injury reports (5-21-03) that are due are on the table tonight. If you have a problem with the reports call Sheila Sutphin at the BOSH office at 301-583-1951.
- The second meeting of the Fire Commission in June is canceled due to the members attending the MSFA Convention in Ocean City.
- Major Kevin Andreacs advised that they are preparing for the next round of station inspections after July. He has asked the Fire Commission for any items they feel need to be added to the inspection list while the inspection team is in the stations.
- The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the Fire Services Building (FSB) on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 for nominations to the Fire Commission. Certificates for the nominations and elections are on the front table tonight and will be in the packets at the Association meeting next Wednesday to be held at Greenbelt VFD.
- The election of the Fire Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2003 at the FSB at 7:30 PM.
- We hope to see you in Ocean City at the MSFA Convention and have a good time and drive safely.

President Tucker:

- At the Convention in Ocean City the Association will have a room designated as the Prince Georges County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Room. The room will be open all day Monday and Tuesday. There will be food and non-alcoholic beverages available and we will have our caucus in this room. The room is on the mezzanine level of the Convention Center.
- 1st Vice President Alferi will be supplying 2 signs to designate where everyone from our Association will gather in the Convention Center.
- Dr. Brown and Iris Boswell were offered a tour of fire stations in Prince Georges County, which they have accepted. Details are being worked out on how and when this tour will take place.

Commissioner Fuller:

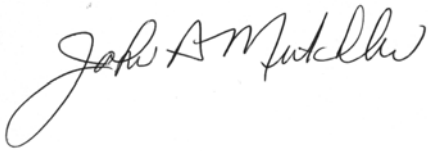
- Discussed the staffing plan that was discussed at the last Chief's Council meeting. Members of the committee will be visiting each station to get information as to what your station can provide in regards to volunteer manpower and any other assistance.

Questions and comments from around the room.

Report from Chaplain Litchfield.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 20:50.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Mutchler".

John A. Mutchler
Secretary