

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 18th, 2023

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 56 participants, was gavelled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain (Loretta Shaw) – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain Sandy Lutz- Chief Chaplain's report will be provided separately.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Payments from SAP system should be going out soon.
- Looking at the budget, we have spent have 55% of tool funding, 18% uniform funding, and 49% of the stores funding spent.
- A few General Orders are currently in Committee, with one of the GOs will be reevaluated at the request of Chief Ross (Co.14) and the association prior to being resubmitted.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 34, \$2,719.50 for 2nd Quarter insurance. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the January 4th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 12, \$2,839 for 2nd Installment of Insurance payment. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 28/48, \$2,974.25 and \$2,974.25 for Insurance payments. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 1, \$8,744.24 for vehicle insurance. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Co.9 submitted an equivalency package that the chair is reviewing.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – Excused

The Chair advised he is attending the Governor's Ball

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 27, \$7,833.76, for repairs to Ambulance 827. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) - No Report

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)-Not present

Commissioner Smalls-

- Congratulated the Governor and Lt. Governor on being sworn in today, and stated how he hoped that public safety sees some additional funding.
- Met to discuss 508 funding at FSB.

Chair Bolden-

- Will be working with Commissioners Smalls & Bell on the allocation of the 508 funds, and 508 distributions are complete
- Advised that the County budget hearings have begun, he is sitting in on those meetings.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association- Lee Lutz for Jeramie Jordan

- Next meeting will be Feb 8th at Co. 35.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- No report this evening.

Recruiter Update:

County recruiter Patricia Shelton provided an update on recruiting efforts and statistics, and a highlight from 2022. She stressed the need for stations to retain the volunteers that are brought in.

Questions from the floor:

- Pete Mellits asked what the Commission was going to do to help retain volunteers, and asked about a workgroup being formed around the issue. The Chair asked if he would assist with starting it up, and they decided to meet and discuss.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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

