

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 19th, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held virtually Approximately 46 participants, was gaveled 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
No Report

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the April 5th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Vice Chair with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co.9 of \$3,717.54 for a new stryker stair chair tabled, and \$3,800 to pay an accountant for tax perpetration. The Chair asked that the stair chair request be tabled, there may be alternative funding options. The motion for the \$3,800 was 2nd by Commissioner Chandler, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 28 for \$2,974.25 for life insurance policy. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- No report.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Advised the Chair will bring up the equivalency package later this meeting.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) –

- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 25 for \$4,039.84 For mattresses used by the career personnel. The motion was 2nd by the Vice Chair, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization requests for Co. 23 for \$5,500 Maryland State Fireman's association for lodging for 11 members. The motion was 2nd by the Vice Chair, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Commissioner Selmon- Finished onboarding and scheduled site visits Co 33 and 38.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)-

- **Made a motion to approve the following LOSAP Reports- For FY21 Riverdale, Laurel, Beltsville. For FY22 Chapel Oaks, Greenbelt, Morningside, College Park, Clinton, Hyattsville. LOSAP Awards for Franas Moran #14, Stefan Gansert #38,**

Patrick Eubanks #28/48, Joseph Walzel #32, Andre Spriggs #38, Evelyn Sheffield #38. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Chandler, with all in favor the motion passed.

Chair Bolden-

- On April 12th he presented the budget to the County, the final presentation will be Friday May 6th 11am at the Wayne Curry Executive Building.
- He met with logistics facility manager regarding station's CIP projects for FY24. They agreed to create a new CIP form for stations to complete prior to FY24, and then he will meet with facilities again for review facilities. Quite a few projects are being completed now.
- **Made a motion to approve training equivalencies for Ryan Swisher of Co.33. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Recruiter Update: County recruiter Patricia Shelton provided an update on recruiting efforts and statistics.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Jeramie Jordan

- Next meeting will be May 10th at 7pm hosted by Co. 38.
- Asked if we are still on rack for the June 30th LOSAP update deadline. The Chair advised that they were, and there is a meeting with pensions on May 11th.
- Next Friday is the “Be a Volunteer Firefighter for a Day” with area local officials.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Spring conference coming up in Jarsonville.
- Meeting May 4th at Co. 18 Glenn Dale at 7:30pm.

Questions from the floor:

-Brian Lau asked if there was an update on the accident and workers comp project. The Chair advised it should have been. Asked about a memo from the Fire Chief to the Fire Commission and VSC. Brought up some questions with the Commission website.

-Steve Lamphier thanked the Vice-Chair for processing Riverdale's LOSAP so quickly.

-Donald Wells asked about the status of in-person meetings, and had a LOSAP question.

-Vic Whipple gave a shout-out to Recruiter Patricia Shelton for receiving the EEO award.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.



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