

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 5th, 2023

Tonight's meet was held with all Commissioners in person at FSB, and all attendees were virtual. With approximately 46 participants, the meeting 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

- Last Friday was the SERF ordering deadline. To date \$210,000 in expenses were processed.
- A total of 117% of small tools funding has been spent, 52% of uniforms, and 77% of warehouse & OCS ordering spent.
- The Commission will be sending out lists for stations this evening on spending.
- Information on an upcoming EMS billing training was sent out.

New Civilian Fire Commissioner Marlon Selmon was introduced and welcomed.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- Thanked all the District 2 Companies for working to get all their requests in on time for the different spending categories, and to VSC Office for working to process the large volume of orders.
- **Made a motion for the approval of the March 15th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor of the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co. 28, \$10,000 for lounge furniture at Co.12 College Park. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor of the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- Thanked all her companies for turning in funding requests, and VSC and Val for processing.

Commissioner Smalls- Welcomed Commissioner Selmon as the other Civilian Commissioner, and invited him to tour stations.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – Thanked all her companies for turning in funding requests, even with the technical difficulties she was having.

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – Thanked all his companies for turning in funding requests.

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Excused

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-

- **Made a motion to approve LOSAP Award for Gary Leisure of Co. 10 Laurel. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hegwood, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Chair Bolden-

- Advised that they are continuing to work on getting LOSAP up and running, and while the Commission had one career firefighter assigned to assist, she is being reassigned. However, an extension for her to stay was approved.
- Reminded stations that still have funding to spend it down, and to possibly purchase scanners and copiers as the next Station Management audit will be held 100% virtually.
- Thanked all the stations that participated in the audit, both in person and virtually. Letters will be sent out soon.
- He is working with the County Budget director on the FY24 budget.
- He had a productive conversation with Brian Lau and President Jordan.
- **Made a motion to approve training equivalencies for Sara Radrick of Co.9 and Jacob Roose of Co. 33. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, 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 next Wednesday at 7pm hosted by Co 37 at Co 20.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Meeting tomorrow night at Co.20 hosted by Co. 25.

Questions from the floor:

-Brian Lau asked about the insurance policy and premium. Chair advised the policy is active and will be on the website next Tuesday or Wednesday. Also asked about the benefits renewal process or any changes, Chair advised that it was renewed as is. Also asked about County Law requiring the County fire department to report to the volunteer companies. Also asked about any updates on the worker's compensation policy. Also asked about the fire commission appointments for the chair, vice chair, and one career commissioner and other commissioners. The chair advises that the civilian commissioner who was just appointee's term will expire 2024. Also asked about the bylaws and the duties of the secretary of the Commission where the secretary's duties were laid out.

-Pete Mellits asked about LOSAP and the efforts to go back on the back pay to enter those items and the updated happening in June and if anyone has reached out to see if that was going to be up to date. He also advised that he has an email going out regarding used office furniture and a refrigerator if anyone is interested.

-Bonnie Houston- asked when people are answering phones at the commission office and the operating hours. Chair advised 8am until 4pm Wednesdays form 8am until 8pm. They also need to process fingerprinting which takes a good deal of time.

-JR asked about the CIP process regarding rehabilitating the front ramp of station 39 which is in dire need of repair. Chair advised that most of the CIP funds were directed to the new station, but he has a meeting with the County government to discuss CIP.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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