

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tonight's meeting was held in-person at the Fire Services Building. Approximately 43 participants, was gavelled to order by Vice-Chairman Surles at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain (Margaret-Ann Hamilton) – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Office of the Fire Chief- Chief Green

- Welcomed everyone to the in-person meeting and introduced Mrs. Fairs to discuss the County's FY2024 Budget and its effect on the fire service. Looking to have a workgroup with the

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Done work to the Station Program Funds agreement, looking to send it out to the Presidents by Friday.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co.1 for \$3,030 for painting the walls in the living quarters and \$3,677.95 for repairs to Ambulance 801B. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve two expenditure authorization requests for Co.7 for \$5,000 for the 100-year anniversary event and \$3,000 for repairs to the 2011 Chevy Impala. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co.10 for \$4,320.25 for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Insurance. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co.14 for \$16,500 to reimburse their general fund for lighting upgrades to Rescue Squad 14B. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion on behalf of Commissioner Bell to approve an expenditure authorization request for Co.26 for \$6,974.35 for Ocean City hotel rooms for the MSFA conference. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – Excused

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – Excused, report given by Commissioner Hegwood.

Commissioner Smalls- Excused

Commissioner Selmon- No report.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)- No report.

Recruiter Update: Happy volunteer appreciation week! Provided some answers to questions asked last meeting about using station management funds to pay for TB testing. Funds cannot be used for this, and provided an overview of how to get a TB test read. Recruiters meeting next Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Bolden- Provided by the Vice Chair

- Attended and testified at a County Council Budget hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup> on the FY24 Budget

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

- Next meeting will be June 14th at 7pm hosted by Co. 40 (Old Station)

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Next meeting July at Bladensburg VFD hosted by Kentland VFD.

Questions from the floor: *(Not all names were captured due to in-person meeting and names not being provided prior to providing comments/questions)*

-Surprised that 10 people emailed the Commission about the LOSAP report. Also asked about the worker's compensation insurance policy that no longer has the individual companies listed in the policy. County changed to a claim administered plan. Asked if the County has the authority to remove coverage from volunteers and the affect of State law on the topic. Asked about the posting of insurance coverage in stations for volunteers to understand their coverage. Also asked about the coverage of certain sites in the insurance policy. Also asked about the status of the nominations of the Commissioners who expire in July 2023.

-Asked about the cleaning up of the Founders Circle

-Asked about the uploading of the new forms on the website.

-Asked what happens when a Founders Circle Stone is filled with names, AFC White advised that they have overflow stones.

-Asked about meetings being brought back in person.

-The ladies auxiliary has asked several times to get keys changed to the office so that just the auxiliary members have access.

-Brian Lau reminded the secretary regarding marking Commissioners excused.

-Branchville asked about the audits being emailed about.

-Peter Mellits Asked the Vice Chair if she could ask the Chair to send out spreadsheets with end of year totals.

-Asked when the 508 Forms are due to the Commissioner. Vice Chair advised that the funds for the Station Management and 508 funds timelines will be sent out by email.

-Frank Underwood provided comments and updates on the Convention

-PGVFD President provided convention details.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Vice-Chair Surles adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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