

NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL

January 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Rural Fire Control was held in the Newberry County Emergency Operations Center 540 Wilson Road, Newberry, SC Tuesday, January 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Blair Long, Chairman
Michael Thomas, Vice-Chairman
Burt Lucas, Secretary
Bob Pollard
Wesley Boland
Wayne Blount
Michael Chapman-**absent**
John Pollard-**absent**
Rodney Bedenbaugh
Mike Engemann-**absent**
Aubrey Horne I

Others Present:

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator and Chief Frank Graham, Fairview\O'Neal Fire Department

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Long.**
- 2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**

Additions- C. Discussion of Interior Firefight

D. New truck for Whitmire Fire Department

The agenda was adopted after additions with everyone in favor.

- 3. Approval of May 10, 2016 Minutes-** Vice-Chairman Thomas moved to approve the minutes as presented; second by Member Boland. The vote was unanimous.
- 4. Public Comments**

No comments

- 5. Personal Appearances**

No Appearances.

- 6. Business Meeting**

A. Update on the 800 MHZ- Major Wesley Boland, Newberry County Sheriff's Office-

Major Boland reported:

- The main contract with Motorola has been signed
- Each department needed to read over the user agreement for any questions they may have.
- The radios will be assigned to Tommy Long, 14 to 15 radios per station.
- Everyone will be trained and should receive their radios in October or November
- Command radios will be different; they will be able to talk to the Sheriff's Office and City Police Department along with other agencies
- 802 radios have been ordered and the cost was over \$3.5 million dollars with a 10 year contract

B. Discussion of Paid Firefighters-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Chairman Blair Long reported a grant is starting next week; but Board may not have enough time to apply. The grant is for getting paid firefighters with the salary of 75-75-35 for 3 years. Chairman Long would like to take this information before the Public Safety & Courts Committee.

C. Discussion of Interior-Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Tommy Long discussed changing to skills instead of 1152 because 1152 is being offered less.

D. Discussion of Rescue Truck for Whitmire FD- Vice-Chairman Michael Thomas-

Vice-Chairman Thomas discussed a new rescue truck they would like to purchase for Whitmire FD. The Town of Whitmire has already given permission to purchase it. The truck is a 1989 heavy duty rescue truck(command center with a cascade system. The fire department would like to call it Rescue 3. Most of the Board members had a problem with call the truck Rescue 3 being used for the fire department. Tommy Long stated maybe he should discuss the name with the Board of Rescue.

7. Sub-Committees:

ISO: Nothing to report.

Building and Maintenance: Nothing to report

Communications: Nothing to report.

Truck and Equipment: Nothing to report.

Training Ground: Nothing to report.

8. Executive Session

No Executive Session

9. Comments from Board Members

Vice-Chairman Thomas wanted to know why so many rescue departments were driving pick-up trucks. Tommy Long stated most departments are pulling county trailers with

their personal vehicles and that would be a problem with insurance if someone wrecked.

10. Other Comments

Chairman Long recommend we need more training on the new software that was purchased almost over a year ago, no one is using it.

11. Future Meetings

Regular Board meeting: 7:00 P.M. July 11, 2017

12. Adjournment

Chairman Long declared the meeting adjourned.

Zenda McClurkin, Public Safety

Bert Lucas, Secretary

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