

# **NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL**

**March 13, 2018**

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, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Aubrey Horne, Chairman  
Jason Fulmer, Vice-Chairman  
Bob Pollard  
Daniel McDuffie  
Clay Bodie  
Wesley Boland  
Rodney Wicker  
John Pollard  
Blair Long  
Rodney Bedenbaugh  
Mike Engemann-**absent**

**Others Present:**

Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, Councilman Scott Cain, Chief Jerry Koon, Haz-Mat.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Long.

**2. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary**

Chairman- Aubrey Horne I  
Vice-Chairman- Jason Fulmer  
Secretary- Jerry Koon ?

3. **Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda-** Member J. Pollard made a motion to adopt the agenda as read. The motion was passed with all in favor.

4. **Approval of November 14, 2017 Minutes-** Member J. Pollard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Member Bedenbaugh. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Public Comments**

No comments

**6. Personal Appearances**

No Appearances.

## **7. Business Meeting**

### **A. Discussion of 800 Radios - Member Wesley Boland-**

- Dispatch will begin training this week. Dispatch needs to be familiar with the system before everyone is switched over
- There may be enough radios for each member in every department; but if a member can not keep up with their equipment they do not need to be issued a radio. Each chief need to let Member Boland know as soon as possible of what member cannot keep up with their equipment.
- Duke will be putting up a new tower in Whitmire. The Town of Whitmire will lease the old tower from Duke and Whitmire will let the County put everything on that tower.

### **B. Discussion of Paid Firefighters-Tommy Long-** Tommy reported Gene Shealy's position will be ending in July. Tommy would like for the city and county to do a 50\50 match for his salary.

Councilman Cane suggested to Board needed to do a letter to Council requesting to hire Gene.

Tommy Long and Chairman Horne will write a letter for the position to hire Gene Shealy and present it to the Public Safety and Courts Committee.

## **8. Sub-Committees:**

**ISO:** Nothing to report.

**Building and Maintenance:** Nothing to report.

**Communications:** Nothing to report.

**Truck and Equipment:** Member J. Pollard was recommended by Tommy Long to be placed on this committee.

**Training Ground:** EVDT training will be held in the EOC in two weeks; the instructor will be Gene Shealy.

## **9. Executive Session**

### **10. Comments from Board Members**

Member J. Pollard suggested Tommy Long needed an assistant to help him with all his duties.

### **11. Other Comments**

Councilman Cane suggested the Board should contract bunker gear starting in July.

## **11. Future Meetings**

Regular Board meeting: July 10, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

Chairman Horne declared the meeting adjourned.

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**Zenda McClurkin, Emergency Service Assistant**

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**Rodney Bedenbaugh, BRFC Secretary**

