

AVERY COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Avery County Fire Commission met in a regular meeting on **Thursday, July 9**, at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners' Boardroom, Newland N.C.

Joe Perry led with prayer.

Call to Order (7:00pm)

Chairman Bill Beuttell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All board members present except Matt McClellan who was absent.

Additions /deletions to agenda (7:02pm) None

Public Comments (7:04pm) None

A. Agenda Items (7:04pm) Approval of personnel policy

Charlie Franklin informed the board that he had made all the changes in the policy that the board had requested to be made. **Motion by Joe Perry Second by Johnny Mathes to approve the New Personnel Policy. Motion unanimous by those in attendance.**

B. Request From Josh Henson to take Training

Charlie Franklin informed the board that Josh Henson was requesting to get approval to take training out of the county. Charlie Franklin stated that Josh did follow policy by the way he had requested to take this training. **Motion by Corey Hughes second by Joe Perry to allow Josh Henson to take the training.** Bill Beuttell asked if there had been a problem in the past with a lot of employees wanting to take training outside of the county? Charlie Franklin said yes there was a potential for all employees to be gone to a training every day for one month and that was the reason for the policy on training in the Personnel policy. **Motion unanimous by those in attendance.**

FDC Report (7:10pm)

Charlie Franklin informed the board on the status of the contracts and the issues with Beech Mountains contract. Charlie Franklin stated the problem with Beech Mountains contract was being worked on with the Town of Beech Mountain attorney and the County Attorney. As of the time of the meeting there were no other issues that he was aware of.

Iv. Approval of minutes from June the 11th 2015(7:13pm)

Motion made by Joe Perry second by Johnny Mathes to approve the minutes for June, 11 2015 Motion unanimous with those present.

V. Upcoming meetings and other issues of concerns. (7:13pm)

Joe Perry informed the board that he would be out of town for the August meeting and would not be attending.

Next Fire Commission regular meeting will be August 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Newland. Fireman's Association monthly meeting will be August 6, 2015 at Seven Devils VFD at 7: 00pm.

VI. Closed Session (7:14pm) Personnel (G.S.143-318.11 (a)(6)

Motion by Joe Perry second by Corey Hughes to go into closed session. Unanimous by those in attendance.

(7:28pm)

Bill Beuttell announced there was no decision or motion made in closed session and the board was now back in regular session. Bill asked if there was any further business. Representative for Newland VFD requested to speak, He informed the board of issues they were having with their second out engine and their equipment truck.

Donna Beard (Rep. for Piedmont Natural Gas) requested to speak to the board. She presented the board with information on the savings that some of the Fire Departments could have that had Natural gas available to them if they switch to natural gas over propane. She stated if she had the amount of fuel the Fire Departments used last year she could do a comparison to show the savings. Bill Beuttell requested Charlie Franklin to forward that information to her.

VII. Adjourn (7:50)

Motion made Joe Perry and seconded by Johnny Mathes to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimous with those present.

**Bill Beuttell, Chairman
Avery County Fire Commission**

Attest:_____