

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

July 19, 2018 - Linville Fire Station

An emergency meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. It was noted that the regular July meeting of the Avery Fire Association was not held because of lack of attendance. President Powell reminded members that they would not be able to vote on anything since this meeting was not a called meeting. He reported that he had met with the County Commissioners in July. They had explained that the state statute would have to be changed by the legislature to accommodate the changes that were requested. The county commissioners wanted to continue the progress made at the [May 4th](#) meeting and requested September and January meetings. Members wanted to make sure that the meetings would be at times that are convenient to the Association members.

Members discussed medical supply funding. It was noted that the fire commission line item for supplies had been split up amongst the departments and that the county manager wanted to have a meeting to look at the supplies provided by EMS.

Bill Beuttell explained the budget process noting that the requests totaled 3.6 million and the tax collections totaled 2.6 million. He also explained the Commission's reserves and how we spent \$ 200,000 last year on non-budgeted breakdowns and how we had to maintain \$ 500,000 to fund the state grant purchases.

Members were reminded that the county contract contains a 60-day period for changes to be requested and that after that time period it automatically re-news. This was added to the contract at the request of the association.

Bobby Powell reported that the Fire Commission found out new information after the Pennsylvania truck was inspected and based on the new information - made the purchase. He asked if anyone had any concerns. Brian Bodford asked how much it would cost to maintain a 19 year-old truck and old ladder. Bob Garland reminded him that the county did not have 1.25 million to spend on a truck too large to serve our county. He also confirmed that parts were available, service records were available, and that mechanically the truck was in good shape. The purchase price was \$ 75,000 with the extra equipment and the insurance company would be paying \$10,000 towards the purchase. The pump was just rebuilt the previous year and he thought the commission made a good deal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.