

**AVERY COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

The Avery County Fire Commission met in a Regular meeting on May 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the new Agricultural Extension Building located at 661 Vale Rd., Building, Newland N.C.

**I. CONVENE MEETING:** Bob Garland led prayer.

**II. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Beuttell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Bill Beuttell, Rob Hancock, Jim Brooks, Shane Garland and Matt McClellan. Also present: Charlie Franklin and Beth Reath.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chief Kennie McFee, Green Valley VFD, informed attendees that grants are now offered by Duke Power to provide generators. June 15th is the deadline to apply.

**B. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS:** Correction to Agenda - AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ITEM B. - Green Valley VFD - Request to hire grant consultant.

**Motion made by Jim Brooks, second by Rob Hancock to AMEND AGENDA TO ADD ITEM B. - Green Valley VFD's Request to hire a grant consultant to assist with application for Duke Power grant. Chairman Beuttell asked for further discussion or comment. Motion approved by those in attendance.**

**III. AGENDA ITEMS (7:05 p.m.)**

**A. FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING REPORT:** Jim Brooks reported on the following 1) Discussions with NCDOT to resolve issue of "tree in the road" calls. 2) the Duke Energy grant. 3) placing a Fireman's Association office at the Ladder Company. 4) Bulk purchases - departments turning in their grant information to Fire Commission in January, so bulk items can be distributed. 5) Rob Hancock noted that Noah Garland had received the Association scholarship.

**B. GREEN VALLEY - REQUEST TO HIRE A GRANT CONSULTANT:**  
Chief McFee's request (1) for permission for Green Valley to hire a grant consultant to assist them in applying for a Duke Power grant and (2) for permission to use their fund balance to pay said grant consultant in the amount of \$500.00. The Fire Commission is to reimburse Green Valley for this expense.

**Motion made by Jim Brooks, second by Matt McClellan to (1) approve Green Valley's hiring a grant writing consultant and (2) to allow Green Valley to use their fund balance to pay the consultant fee of \$500. Chairman Beuttell asked for further discussion or comment. Motion approved by those in attendance.**

**FDC REPORT (7:10 p.m.):**

**FRANK'S 9s INSPECTION:** Charlie Franklin reported that there are no issues with Frank's 9s inspection, and all paperwork was in order.

**LINVILLE FLOOR ISSUES:** Shane reported on drainage issue inspection of Linville floors by him and local NCDOT engineer, Travis \_\_\_\_\_. Letter of his recommendation is attached. Travis believes the drainage issue is caused by broken gutters. Chief Mark Taylor had suggested running a camera into the pipe (vs. digging out) and Charlie had investigated cost (\$800-\$1200). Travis does not believe there is any structural damage. Measures to correct include gutter repair, concrete cut to add expansion joint, inspection by engineer and then re-pour of concrete. **ELK PARK ISSUES:** Travis believes these are cosmetic in nature - crack in wall is a natural occurrence (of settling); however, it should be monitored. Structure does not appear to be damaged. Step-off needs to be repaired.

Chairman Beuttell asked that Charlie forward recommendation letters to respective Chiefs.

**IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN (7:15 p.m.):**

-Next Firemen's Association meeting will be June 6th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Fall Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. (Chiefs meet at 6:00 p.m.).

-Next Fire Commission Regular meeting will be June 14th, **\*\*2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Board Room, Newland.

\*\*Corrected from 2018 to 2019 on Agenda listing

**V. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) (7:16 p.m.):**

**Motion made by Jim Brooks, second by Matt McClellan to go into Closed Session. Chairman Beuttell asked for further discussion or comment. Motion approved by those in attendance.**

---- return to open session (7:25 p.m.) ----

Chairman Beuttell stated that no decisions were made during Closed Session.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 8th and 19th, APRIL 4th, 11th and 18th, 2019 (7:26 p.m.):**

**Motion made by Jim Brooks, second by Shane Garland to approve the meeting minutes for March 8th and 19th, 2019. Also approved are meeting minutes for April 4th, 11th and 18th, 2019. Chairman Beuttell asked for further discussion or comment. Motion approved by those in attendance.**

VII. ADJOURN (7:28 p.m.):

Motion made by Shane Garland, second by Jim Brooks to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved by those in attendance.

*Bill Beuttell*

---

Bill Beuttell, Chairman  
Avery County Fire Commission

Attest: *Chad [Signature]*

---