

## AVERY COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

The Avery County Fire Commission met in a Special meeting on July 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Beech Mountain Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 2, Beech Mountain 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 6:00 p.m. all board members were present.

A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

III. **AGENDA ITEMS (7:08 p.m.)**

A. Shane to speak on physical fitness standard Ext.

Shane Garland discussed implementing a physical fitness test for all of the Fire Commission personnel. Shane stated that they would have to be policy put in place for the test. Shane requested that the Fire commission purchase at least one weight vest for each station so they could use it during work outs. **Motion by Matt McClellan Second by Jim Brooks for the Fire Department Coordinator to purchase the vest with a limit of \$160.00 per vest. Motion unanimous.**

B. **Linville's Floor Repair**

Shane Garland and Mark Taylor informed the board of the progress on the repairs to Linville Vol. Fire dept. bay floors. Shane and Mark meet with Travis Henley (engineer) Shane informed the board on what Travis had stated how much needed fixed and what was cosmetic and what is structural. Mark disagreed with Travis Henley on how much needed to be repaired and how. After further discussion, **Motion made by Jim Brooks second by Matt McClellan to have Shane Garland continue working with Travis Henley (Engineer) to get a prescription of repair on the needed repairs then place it up for bid. Motion unanimous.**

C. **Boot Allotment for Employees**

Charlie Franklin sent out email requesting from all paid staff what they felt they needed as far as replacement time and funds. Kacey Hughes addressed the board on the justification on the need for more funds and less than every two years. After further discussion. **Motion made by Jim Brooks second by Shane Garland to do a one year trial period and purchase all paid staff the Haix Air Power XR1 boots. Motion unanimous.**

D. **Frank Truck Repair**

Kasey Hughes addressed the board and informed them that Frank Vol. Fire Department's 8202 pump has broken. He presented the board with a quote on the repair

which is \$16'000.00 dollars. After further discussion. **Motion made by Jim Brooks second by Matt McClellan. To approve up to \$450.00 to have the pump took apart and see what is broke. Motion unanimous.**

**FDC REPORT (8:05 p.m.):**

**1. Longevity Compensation**

Charlie Franklin advised the board that he thought the Commission was going to do longevity pay for the paid staff. However it was step increase raises. Charlie stated everything had been worked out and the employees would be receiving all the raises on the upcoming check.

**IV. Approval of minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Motion made By Jim Brooks second by Matt McClellan to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 minutes as presented. Motion unanimous**

**V. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN (8:13 p.m.):**

-Next Firemen's Association meeting will be August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Seven Devils Volunteer Fire Dept.

-Employee/Chiefs/Fire Commission meeting will be August 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Board Room, Newland.

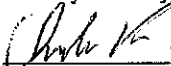
-Next Fire Commission Regular meeting will be August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Board Room, Newland.

**VI. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) (8:15 p.m.): None**

**VII. ADJOURN (8:45 p.m.):**

**Motion made by Jim Brooks, second by Matt McClellan to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimous.**

  
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Bill Beuttell, Chairman  
Avery County Fire Commission

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