

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION – CHIEF’S COMMITTEE

Linville Central Rescue Squad Hall

January 2, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Chief’s Committee was called to order by Chief Bob Pudney and minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. Mark Taylor was asked if the requests from the previous meeting were presented to the Fire Commission. Mark explained that he missed the meeting.

Shane Garland reported that the position of the Fire Department Coordinator had been advertised. He also noted that the County Commissioners wanted to maintain that position and would continue the trade-offs for help with Emergency Management.

Mark asked if someone could draft requests from the Fire Association to the Fire Commission and present same to the Commission. It was noted that the Association has two representatives on the Fire Commission to do just that.

Bob Garland noted that the Fire Commission was trying to fill 3 positions.

Kenny McFee pointed out that moving the Coordinator to Ladder Company station would be a more efficient use of personnel. Members agreed to make that request to the Fire Commission.

Tyler Burr reported that his department lost rating points because the county no longer has a training facility. Green Valley experienced the same problem.

It was noted that it (training facility) would have to be on two acres of land and three stories high. Shane Garland said that Boone uses the Foscoe training facility that they partially paid for with a grant. It was mentioned that the county could apply for a FEMA grant. Ken Sherrod recommended that we try to see if Foscoe would rent their building to Avery for training. The Mayland land on Three Mile was discussed, but no one was interested in putting a facility on Mayland’s land.

Members agreed to ask the Fire Commission to budget \$350,000 for a training facility.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.