

# **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

**May 9, 2024 - Avery County Commissioner's Room**

President Scott Stansbury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Bob Pudney moved that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as presented. Levin Sudderth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Beech Mtn, Crossnore, Fall Creek, Green Valley, ladder Company, Linville and Avery Central Rescue were represented as well as Mayland Tech, Avery Dispatch & the Fire Department Coordinator.

Scott reported that the Association checking balance was unchanged from the April meeting.

Members discussed High School training in Avery & Mitchell County.

Karen Laws, the new trainer from Dispatch explained the changes to the weekly pager tests. Members asked about Dispatch using I Am Responding. She agreed to ask Mike Edisten. She noted that they were working on new helicopter SOP's and LVAD heart pump protocols & classes.

The 911 Committee reported that the new employee had done 130 new addresses and put up 102 double sided, riveted street signs - with more ordered. Members were asked to visit the Avery County website and click on "Residents" to report damage and missing street signs. Many radios will need to be reprogrammed to fit into the new system. The Beech Tower was now slated for repair since the insurance monies had been received. The county is still looking for a backup communications site on a different power grid than Newland. Dispatchers attended training on how to protect the radio system from hacking.

The Ladder Company reported that they had trained with Green Valley. They are hoping to get budget money to fully equip 9943. Bobby Powell was asked to see if he could set up a Ladder Opts class.

Levin, Scott and Kyle agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

Mark Taylor suggested that the Fire Association look into : Recovery USA for car wreck reimbursement. He would be researching their program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.