

**COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION, PERSONNEL,
STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

Fire Commission Minutes

June 13, 2019

Lexington, Kentucky

Present:

Joe Baer
Chris Bartley
Daron Britain
John Bunnell
Joe Choate
Greg Dearing
Sean Dreisbach
David Howser
Daniel Iacconi
Dustin Isaacs
Scott Lawson
Lonnie Madden
Andrew Scott

Absent:

Rick Daugherty
Mike Dossett
Wendell Followell
Mike Haney
Patrick Lucas
Dr. Melahn

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Sean Dreisbach made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2019 in Lexington Kentucky. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Dearing said a special Fire Commission meeting will be called on July 1, 2019 at 8:00 am in Versailles at the System's Office. Greg said this will be sent out to the appropriate parties. This is an open public meeting. Greg Dearing said any of the letters for the Commission Board Members not present today will be mailed to their home addresses.

Greg Dearing said he received a four-page letter from our legal team. Greg said he had some conversations with John Gay concerning this letter. He gave a copy of the letter to Joe Baer and Scott Lawson on the Executive Committee. Greg said Bruce Roberts will have the staff email a copy of this letter to the Fire Commission Board to look at and be able to comment on. Comments and questions need to be

sent back to Greg Dearing, so he can confer with the Legal Team, Joe Baer and Scott Lawson. John Gay said the central points that are in the letter is because we receive our compensation from KCTCS. We are ethically bound to get the consent of the client. This will not be disclosed to the outside world.

Finance Committee

Greg Dearing said the Finance Committee met on June 7th to review and pass the FY 2020 budget for the Fire Commission. Brenda Goddard said in everyone's packets there is finance information. The second page shows the biennial budget. Everyone needs to look at the orange column. Starting July 1st, the FY 2020 budget will be enacted. We have seventeen-line items that we will be spending from. The Finance Committee went through each of the line items and identified specific spending within each category such as salaries and current expenses capital. Joe Baer asked does anyone have any questions on these line items. Brenda Goddard said we have been approved to spend up to \$48,000,000.00. Our revenues are coming in at \$42,000,000.00. Brenda said the Governor's Office has done what they call a sweep and they projected during this biennium that for both years they are going to take \$2,000,000.00 of our carryforward funds. On June 30th of this year they are going to take \$2,000,000.00 and on June 30th of next year they will take \$2,000,000.00. Brenda said since October 2000, the Governor's Office has taken \$48,800,000.00 from the Fire Commission's operating account and \$8,000,000.00 from the loan account. Andrew Scott said if we keep spending our carry forward money, eventually we won't have it. Have we made sure that we have a plan in place if that happens? Brenda said that is one of the issues we keep bringing to LRC is that if they keep pushing us to use more carry forward, they can't keep increasing our reoccurring expenses without a reoccurring revenue to support it. Joe Baer made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Loan Committee

Joe Baer said the Loan Committee met earlier today to discuss increasing the loan amount from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The Loan Committee saw that we had enough funds within the budget to allow for that and also understanding that the cost of equipment is going up. The Loan Committee voted and agreed to move the amount up to \$100,000.00. This will have to be done through the KAR process. Joe Baer made a motion to approve increasing the loan amount from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Joe Baer said we had discussion only, on reducing the 3% interest rate.

Training Facility Grants

Scott Lawson said the Training Facility Grant Committee met this morning to discuss 56 applications requesting \$3,400,000.00. We have \$1,000,000.00 to award. The committee will meet on June 24th at 9:00 am to go through the applications.

Fire Marshal's Office

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Randy Lawson thanked the Commission members for their visual attendance at State Fire School. Randy said the KFA Conference is in Owensboro on August 3rd through the 6th. Everyone will be staying at the Hampton Inn Suites in Owensboro, Waterfront. Greg Dearing said we will have a Commission meeting during the KFA Conference on August 4th at 10:00 am.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

David Howser said on behalf of President Gregg Bayer, the KAFF Leadership Conference will be held in Bowling Green from August 20th through the 22nd. Everyone can register online at kychiefs.com.

Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association

Joe Baer said the KPFF held our biennial convention last month in Newport. We have adopted a number of legislative issues to pursue in the upcoming legislative session. We will get this out to the various fire service organizations. We have had a change of Secretary/ Treasurer. Chris Bartley is the new Secretary/ Treasurer. Joe Baer said we are watching to see if a special session is going to be called concerning pensions.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS)

Mike Poynter said we should have our annual report completed within the next two to three weeks. Mike said since about five years ago they require services to supply us data each month. This is probably the most detailed annual report that we have had since the inception. Mike Poynter said they are in the process of signing a contract with a third-party vendor that will allow each licensed service to access their own data and graphs. This will be a tool that the providers can use downstream that will hopefully improve their services. Mike said KBEMS along with the Department of Rural Health sponsored an EMS leadership conference approximately two weeks ago in Frankfort. It was a huge success and was sold out.

Old Business

Scott Lawson said the Taskforce has had one meeting so far. Our second meeting was cancelled due to graduation and vacations. Scott said they rescheduled their next meeting to July 20th at 9:30 at the Lexington Office. Scott said the Taskforce has discussed department memberships and talking about the number of rosters that a firefighter can be on. We have discussed the Training Records System. Scott Lawson said the Taskforce discussed Worker's Compensation for part time firefighters. Scott said they discussed utility firefighters. They talked about training for fire chiefs. Scott said they hope to wrap up everything by July 20th and bring back to the Commission.

New Business

Bruce Roberts read a letter from Dr. Melahn concerning a Line of Duty death for Johnny Jessie. Johnny Jessie was with Greensburg Fire Department and passed away from colon cancer. Chris Bartley made a motion to approve the Line of Duty benefits for Johnny Jessie. Sean Dreisbach seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

John Bunnell said it may be difficult for several Commission Board Members to make it to a Commission meeting on a Sunday. Greg Dearing said we normally have the Commission meeting on a Sunday at KFA. Greg said if you want to change the date that is fine with him. Joe Baer said usually after the Commission meeting, they have the KFA Memorial service. Bruce said he thinks that Pat Thompson said the Memorial will be around 1:00 pm. Howdy Kurtsinger said the KFA goes into Business Session on the following Monday. Bruce said right now there is a block of rooms being held for us. He needs to know as soon as possible if

this meeting is going to be changed so he can let Pat Thompson know to release that block of rooms. Michael Kurtsinger asked how many Commission members are planning on attending the KFA Conference? Bruce said if you are planning on attending the Conference please see me. No one made a motion to change the Fire Commission meeting date.

Bruce Roberts said the travel expense vouchers need to be turned in by June 26th due to the end of the fiscal year. Bruce said on the meals, he needs the itemized receipts. Bruce said with the thirteen extractors that were awarded back in February, we went through the bid process. The bid process has been protested. The process is going to start over again. The timeline will be changed for the extractors. Bruce said we have received approximately 400 applications back concerning the extractors.

Joe Baer asked where do we stand on the Regs for the Legislation that was passed this past session. Bruce said we have the Incentive KAR that must be changed. We were in the process of changing it, but then we went to a new law firm. Bruce said we have KAR's that need to be taken care of. Lonnie Madden said he asked a question in December concerning a Worker's Comp claim that had been denied. We were supposed to have someone from Worker's Comp come here and explain why they denied that claim. Bruce asked do you have the information on that claim. Lonnie said he will get it to Bruce.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.