

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

Fire Commission Minutes

December 7, 2017

Mayfield, Kentucky

**Present:**

Rick Bobo (Representing Mike Dossett)  
Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell  
Rick Daugherty  
Greg Dearing  
Pam Dickens  
Scott Lawson  
William Lilly  
Dr. William Melahn  
Rich Meyer  
James Nickell

**Absent:**

Joe Baer  
Wendell Followell  
David Goldsmith  
Mike Haney  
Kevin Tyler

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (CT). Jim Nickell motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2017 in Owensboro Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said we have officer elections coming up in February 2018. Greg thanked Mayor Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell and the City of Mayfield for hosting this meeting. Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell thanked everyone for being here. She thanked Mayfield's firefighter union for providing lunch today. She recognized Morgan Alvey who is with Senator McConnell's office who was present at the meeting. Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell recognized Jennifer Beck-Walker who is the executive director of the Purchase Area Development District. She recognized Tyler Goodman who is one of Mayfield's County Commissioners.

## **Loan Committee**

Jim Nickell said the loan committee met this morning to consider two new loan requests. Water Valley Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$59,500.00 for a 2014 Kenworth tanker with a Hale pump. Rick Daugherty motion to approve. Dr. Melahn seconded. Motion approved.

Burna Fire Department is requesting \$22,500.00 for five SCBA's and spare bottles. Rick Daugherty motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Jim Nickell said under old business, we had an issue with Blaine Fire Department's loan that had already been approved. They needed a loan extension on their loan. Jim said the loan committee authorized an extension until August 1, 2018. Bruce Roberts is going to send a letter to Blaine explaining in detail what they have to do. Dr. Melahn motion to approve sending the letter to Blaine Fire Department and giving them an extension on their loan until August 1, 2018. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

## **Eligibility Committee**

Greg Dearing said the eligibility committee met this morning. They denied the request for incentive pay for the Chief of Newport Fire Department because he has not received his 400-hour certification within the one year that is required by KRS. Rick Daugherty motion to approve. Dr. Melahn seconded. Motion approved. Greg Dearing said we are going to mail a letter to the City of Newport concerning this.

Bruce Roberts said the Community of Canoe has requested state aid if his training was above 50% after December. The eligibility committee approved this at the November 21, 2017 meeting in Lexington. Bill Lilly motion to approve. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Dr. Melahn said he reviewed the medical records and death certificate of Charles Riggle. He passed away from colon cancer. Dr. Melahn said in his medical opinion, Charles Riggle met the requirements for the cancer death benefits. Bill Lilly motion to approve the line of duty death benefits for Charles Riggle. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said that at the Fire Commission workshop we are going to have Dr. Melahn discuss line of duty cancer. Bruce said we have eight extractors out across the state. We are looking at purchasing eight more.

### **Education Committee**

Greg Dearing said the education committee met this morning and approved the curriculum for the Fire Ground Safety and Survival program put out by the IAFF. A discussion was held on the degree program. Jim Nickell motion approve the curriculum for the Fire Ground Safety and Survival program and the degree program. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

### **Training Facility Grants**

None.

### **Finance Committee**

Greg Dearing said the Finance Committee met on November 29 and approved the purchase of 300 SCBA's, face pieces and air bottles. The cost for this purchase is \$1,699,566.25. Bill Lilly motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said we adjusted our budget for 2019 and 2020. Greg said we also approve the purchase of three driver's simulators. Scott Lawson motion to approve the minutes from the Finance Committee on November 29, 2018 in Lexington Kentucky. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

### **Health and Wellness Committee**

None.

### **Legislative Committee**

None.

### **Fire Marshal's Office**

None.

## **Emergency Management**

Rick Bobo their playbook for the eclipse ended up being a 422-page publication. Rick said they did an update on the new Madrid seismic zone state planning. FEMA helped them write this plan. This will be available in 2018. Rick said they have been awarded a 2.1 million dollar grant through Homeland Security.

## **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

Rick Bobo said they had an emergency meeting last night. President Walsh has resigned. Joe Bowman has been appointed as the new president of the KFA.

## **Kentucky Fire Chief's Association**

None.

## **Kentucky Professional Firefighters**

Rick Daugherty said they are preparing for the upcoming legislative session.

## **KBEMS**

None.

## **Old Business**

Greg Dearing said we are getting ready for the Fire Commission workshop coming up in January. Ronnie Day said the workshop will be at the Embassy Suites at Lexington Green. Greg said if a Commissioner wants something on the agenda for the workshop just let him or Ronnie know. Ronnie said we will be discussing the meeting dates for next year at the workshop. We will announce those at the meeting in February.

## **Correspondence**

Ronnie Day said the Green River Officer's School will be February 22 through the 25 in Owensboro. Ronnie said we will have a Commission meeting there on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need a hotel room.

## **Announcements from the Audience**

Marc Rudder said the bids have been opened for the Area 7/ CPAT building.

Ronnie Day said according to our by-laws, we will have elections at the Commission meeting in February in Owensboro. The by-laws state that if you have any intention of running for office that they should notify the Executive Director in writing at the December meeting. Ronnie Day said he has a letter from Greg Dearing who is seeking chairman for the regular election in February. He received a letter from Joe Baer who is seeking vice chairman at the regular election in February. Ronnie said he has a letter from Rich Meyer who is seeking secretary for the regular election in February.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm (CT).