

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

Fire Commission Minutes

July 30, 2017

Ashland, Kentucky

Present:

Joe Baer
Theresa Rochetti- Cantrell
Chris Crawford (Proxy for Mike Haney)
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
David Goldsmith
Scott Lawson
William Lilly
Dr. Melahn
Rich Meyer
James Nickell
Dr. Paul Schreffler (Proxy for Wendell Followell)
Kevin Tyler

Absent:

Mike Dossett

Greg Dearing called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Kevin Tyler motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2017 in Lexington Kentucky. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing thanked President Billy Selvage, his wife Amy Selvage and the Eastern Kentucky Firefighter's Association for their hospitality and for setting up this meeting.

Loan Committee

Jim Nickell said the loan committee met this morning to consider two loans. Keavy Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for a 2017 5500 Dodge. Kevin Tyler motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Lewis County Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for 2018 Freightliner. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Eligibility Committee

Rich Meyer said we have three line of duty deaths that needs to be approved. Dr. Melahn said that Ted Rodney Collette with Red Bird Fire Department was struck by a large tree limb on October 29, 2016 during a wildland incident. This resulted in significant injuries including a fatal head injury. He passed away on November 17, 2016. Rich Meyer motion to approve. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

Dr. Melahn said Angela Mullen with Russellville Rural Fire Department was diagnosed with malignant melanoma. When she was diagnosed, the cancer was so wide spread that it could not be removed. Dr. Melahn said she had never been a smoker. She passed away from the melanoma on June 21, 2016. Jim Nickell motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Dr. Melahn said we needed confirmation from Terry Culver's medical providers that he had been released to duty and we did receive that. Dr. Melahn said he was cleared to return to work as of August 14, 2013. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Education Committee

None.

Training Facility Committee

Bill Lilly said the training facility committee met this morning to approve the minutes. On August 16 and 17, 2017, we will review the training facility grant requests and bring the departments in to conduct their presentations.

Finance Committee

None.

Health and Wellness

None.

Legislative Committee

Howdy Kurtsinger said a special session is supposed to be called soon. We have met with as many people as we can. Right now, everything that is being said is a rumor. Nothing has changed from what we had last year on the pension. Howdy said nobody in leadership or the house has heard or seen anything from the Governor's Office of what is going to happen in the special session. We will keep you posted when we hear something.

Fire Marshal's Office

Chris Crawford said the Fire Marshal's Office is moving to putting investigators in pick-up trucks. They just purchased eight four-wheel drive pick-up trucks.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Joe Baer said they have been partnering with various agencies to form the Kentucky Public Pension Coalition.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Greg Dearing said Walter Lage is not in good health. Hospice has been called in. He is at home. Please call him or send cards to him.

Ronnie Day said he received a phone call from Cheryl Allen with Russellville Rural Fire Department. She is asking for prayers from everyone today. They have a firefighter who was 22 years old who had just got his CDL license. He was still in training with another driver when they had an accident this morning and both he and driver lost their lives.

New Business

Greg Dearing and Ronnie Day presented a plaque to Tiger Robinson for his years of service with the Fire Commission Board.

Correspondence

Greg Dearing said the State Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held on October 4, 2017 in Frankfort Kentucky. The National Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be held October 7 and 8, 2017 in Emmetsburg, Maryland. Bruce Roberts said the World Firefighter Combat Challenge will be held October 23rd through the 29th in Louisville, Kentucky.

Comments from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.