

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

Fire Commission Minutes

October 17, 2019

Lexington, Kentucky

**Present:**

Chris Bartley  
Jason Brandt  
Daron Britain  
John Bunnell  
Beth Ann Burkhead  
Joe Choate  
Mike Dossett  
Sean Dreisbach  
Mike Haney  
David Howser  
Daniel Iacconi  
Dustin Isaacs  
Scott Lawson  
Patrick Lucas  
Lonnie Madden  
Andrew Scott

**Absent:**

Wendell Followell  
Stephanie Malone

Scott Lawson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Jeremy Rodgers conducted the swearing in of Jason Brandt. Dustin Isaacs motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2019 in Lexington Kentucky. Chris Bartley seconded. Motion approved. Scott Lawson thanked Frankfort, Franklin County, Bruce Roberts and the staff for taking care of the Firefighter Memorial. Scott thanked Howdy Kurtsinger and Mayor Scott for everything they did to help with the Firefighter Memorial in Emmetsburg.

**Eligibility Committee**

Patrick Lucas said Somerset Fire Department is now receiving incentive pay. Howdy Kurtsinger said after a discussion with some of the Board Members with

the issues of when time can be accumulated and some of the language, we are going to ask that this issue be tabled at this point in time and we will clean everything up and bring back to the Commission at the next meeting. Howdy said this 739 KAR 2.020 is the one that needs to be tabled. Daron Britain motion to table. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Patrick Lucas said we have another KAR concerning the Financial Reporting. Howdy said that is 739 KAR 2.140. He said he sent this out to the Board Members in advance to look at. David Howser motion to approve. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Patrick Lucas said at this point in time last year there were 71 fire departments that had not complied. This year there are only 42 fire departments that are non-compliant. Howdy Kurtsinger said this time last year, sent out letters out and contacted the Area Coordinators so they could get in touch with the department in their areas. Last year we were at 85%. This year we are at 92%. Howdy said we supplied the committee with a list of the departments who have not complied and compared to the ones last year, we only have about 8 departments who haven't complied. We will have the coordinators reach out to them. If they don't comply by the Commission meeting, we will make a recommendation to the board that we withhold their state aid and grant monies. Howdy said our Area Coordinators do a great job reaching out to their departments.

Patrick Lucas said Bruce said the Thermal Imaging Grant deadline was September 17<sup>th</sup>. We had 162 applications. We can only award 150 grants unless we reduce the cost we award to each department. Bruce and his staff will work on this and come back to the board at a later date.

### **Training Facility Grant Committee**

Chris Bartley said the Training Facility Grant Committee met this morning and discussed the departments that were approved for the 2020 grants. Chris said the following departments were award training facility grant monies:

Bluegrass Airport Fire Department was awarded \$32,000.00 for a training prop. David Howser motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

Winchester Fire Department was awarded \$30,000.00 for a training prop. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Sean Dreisbach seconded. Motion approved.

Nicholasville Fire Department was awarded \$84,000.00 for a multi-purpose building and training prop. Jason Brandt motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

Wilmore Fire Department was awarded \$9,000.00 for a training prop. David Howser motion to approve. Daron Britain seconded. Motion approved.

Frankfort Fire and EMS was awarded \$13,000.00 for a drill tower and burn smoke building. David Howser motion to approve. Jason Brandt seconded. Motion approved.

Shelbyville Fire and Rescue was awarded \$9,912.00 for a drill tower and burn smoke building. Jason Brandt motion to approve. Sean Dreisbach seconded. Motion approved.

Pleasure Ridge Park was awarded \$45,000.00 for a burn smoke building. Jason Brandt motion to approve. Sean Dreisbach seconded. Motion approved.

Jeffersontown Fire Protection District was awarded \$70,000.00 for a drill tower and training prop. Jason Brandt motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Sean Dreisbach abstained. Motion approved.

Campbellsville Fire and Rescue was awarded \$89,000.00 for a drill tower. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Patrick Lucas seconded. Motion approved.

Glendale Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$5,000.00 for a training prop. Jason Brandt motion to approve. Patrick Lucas seconded. Motion approved.

Valley Creek Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$24,000.00 for a burn smoke building. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

The City of McKee- Sandgap Fire Department was awarded \$64,000.00 for a drill tower. John Bunnell motion to approve. Mike Haney seconded. Lonnie Madden and Dustin Isaacs abstained. Motion approved.

Wingfield Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$24,000.00 for a multi-purpose building. Joe Choate motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

City of Bowling Green was awarded \$67,000.00 for a training prop. Jason Brandt motion to approve. Patrick Lucas seconded. Motion approved.

City of Henderson Fire Department was awarded \$51,000.00 for a burn/ smoke building and a multi-purpose building. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Ashland Fire Department was awarded \$8,000.00 for a training prop. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

City of Pikeville Fire Department was awarded \$100,000.00 for a burn/ smoke building. Mike Haney motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

Calloway County Fire and Rescue was awarded \$9,000.00 for a training prop. Daniel Iacconi motion to approve. Jason Brandt seconded. Motion approved.

Spencer County Fire Protection District was awarded \$9,264.00 for a training prop. John Bunnell motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Bardstown Fire Department was awarded \$10,000.00 for a drill tower and a burn/ smoke building. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Scott Lawson abstained. Motion approved.

Maysville Fire Department was awarded \$25,000.00 for a training prop. John Bunnell motion to approve. Jason Brandt seconded. Motion approved.

Vicco Sassafras Fire and Rescue was awarded \$47,000.00 for a multi-purpose building. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Laurel County Fire Department was awarded \$51,000.00 for a multi-purpose building. John Bunnell motion to approve. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Lonnie Madden abstained. Motion approved.

Oak Grove Fire Department was awarded \$75,000.00 for a multi-purpose building. Patrick Lucas motion to approve. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Franklin Simpson Fire and Rescue was awarded \$9,000.00 for a training prop. Jason Brandt motion to approve. Joe Choate seconded. Motion approved.

Olmstead Rural Fire Department was awarded \$1,266.00 for a training prop. John Bunnell motion to approve. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Lone Oak Fire Department was awarded \$17,000.00 for a training prop. John Bunnell motion to approve. Mike Haney seconded. Motion approved.

Symsonia Fire Department was awarded \$20,929.00 for a burn/ smoke building, multi-purpose building and training prop. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Jason Brandt seconded. Motion approved.

### **Health and Wellness Committee**

Sean Dreisbach said the Health and Wellness Committee met this morning to discuss two items. Sean said currently we have 31 extractors that have been approved and installed throughout Kentucky. We put a request out for any departments who would like an extractor at their department. We had over 250 requests come in for extractors. We only had \$300,000.00 to budget for equipment for the fiscal year. We are going to request that a committee look at all the requests that come in to see if the station is equipped for the extractors and see if they will allow other departments to use the extractor. Sean Dreisbach said the committee did vote to approve purchasing 20 extractors. Andrew Scott motion to approve. Jason Brandt seconded. Dustin Isaacs asked the committee to look at the Areas that doesn't have an extractor in their region. Motion approved.

Howdy Kurtsinger said we sent out the administrative reg for the Alan "Chip" Terry wellness KAR. A number has not been established for this KAR yet. We will be conducting two seminars a year on this KAR. Each year we try to move the seminar location to a different part of the state. Howdy Kurtsinger said the Fire Commission will fund these seminars and we are looking at national experts to teach this. Chris Bartley motion to approve this KAR. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

### **Loan Committee**

John Bunnell said the loan committee met this morning. Liberty Fire Department is an extension because their cascade system has not been installed yet. Joe Choate motion to grant an extension on their loan. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Masonville Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 for a pumper. Dustin Isaacs motion to approve. Chris Bartley seconded. Motion approved.

Salt Lick Fire Department is requesting \$36,913.49 for a utility brush truck. Lonnie Madden motion to approve. Chris Bartley seconded. Motion approved.

Green County is requesting \$18,776.32 for a John Deere Gator. Joe Choate motion to approve. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

John Bunnell said the loan committee discussed raising the loan amount from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. John said the committee discussed doing pre-approvals on loans. The committee is going to meet on these topics and bring before the Board at a later date. Daniel Iacconi asked can we receive a copy of the protocols for the loans so when we meet later, we know what we are looking at. John Bunnell said we can as a committee and when we present it to the board, we will show the way it is today and our recommendations for the loan committee.

### **Finance Committee**

John Bunnell said the Finance Committee met this morning. We discussed the \$5,000.00 spending limit. This could possibly be delaying some purchases. John said we are checking to see if we can meet by phone monthly as a conference call. Walther, Gay and Mack Law Firm said the issue is under the open meetings act, committees are considered open agencies, so they are subject to open meetings just like this Commission is. These meetings would have to be open to the public and the phone calls could be a logistics problem. John Bunnell asked if we have a meeting do, we have to give a notice ahead of time. The Attorney with Walther, Gay and Mack Law Firm said a 24-hour notice must be posted on the website and on the door for a committee meeting. Michael Dossett said he chairs the Emergency Response Commission. They had the same legal research done. Kentucky has a law that prohibits virtual or teleconferencing meetings for any of the Commissions.

### **State Fire Rescue Training**

Marc Rudder said for the first quarter of FY 2020, SFRT has delivered 262 classes for the fire departments. Marc said Lexington will be the host address location for 2019 Fall IFSAC meeting. The conference will be October 24 through the 26. Marc Rudder said tomorrow night we will be running a pilot course for the NFPA

1403 standard on live fire training evolutions. This will be an update for our staff that have previously completed the full course.

Marc Rudder said fall fire schools are currently underway. This past weekend we had a fire school in Marion County and a regional school in Maysville. Next weekend there will be a regional school in Owensboro. The Junior Firefighter Camp will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> in London Kentucky. Marc said we are currently working on updating our degree program.

John Bunnell said he forgot to mention that SFRT presented to the Finance Committee several items to approve for purchase. The committee did approve these purchases. They are a lawnmower for SFRT Area 2, Max Firebox Fuel for all Areas, Max Firebox (phase 2) for Areas 3,6, and 13, Paratec Heavy Rescue for Areas 5 and 14, fork lifts for Areas 12, 13 and 14, truck equipment for the new trucks, sprinkler alarm trailers for Area 12, carport for Area 11, forcible entry door prop for Area 10, a lined gas trailer for curriculum and certification, SCBA fill station for Area 7, roof replacement for Area 3, HVAC for Area 9, wall repairs and paint for NRPC, Asphalt for NRPC, two trucks for the mobile fleet (Areas to be determined later), road tractor for Area 12 and a tractor and equipment for NRPC. These total purchases add up to \$851,000.00. Jason Brandt motion to approve. John Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

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

Mike Haney said the State Fire Marshal's Office is in the middle of the school inspection season. Mike said they just took part in the Jefferson County Fire School with three classes. Mike said they conducted some classes at Pike County Fire School. Mike said he attended the Pike County Firefighter's Ball for the first time.

### **Emergency Management**

Michael Dossett said recently they worked with a contractor to bring them into compliance with the National Qualifications process that FEMA is undergoing for Incident Management Teams. They will roll that out in 2020. We would like to ask for a member of the Commission to be on our committee. Mr. Dossett said next week they are going to participate in Earthex. Earthex has 42 lanes to participate in. It's an exercise that can be used for floods, tornadoes, hurricanes at the State EOC.

### **Kentucky Firefighter's Association**

President John Beatsch said the next KFA Board meeting will be on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Junior Firefighter Camp in London Kentucky. President Beatsch said next year's state fire school will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington on Newtown Pike. The Clarion will be the other hotel to stay at. The classes will be tentatively at Bluegrass Technical College. Our expectation is that this will make for a better fire school.

### **Fire Association of Fire Chiefs**

President Gregg Bayer said the Kentucky Fire Chiefs will be meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter, Building and Electrical Conference in Paducah Kentucky. The Conference will be held at the Convention Center in Paducah.

### **Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association**

None.

### **KBEMS**

None.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Britain addressed the audience concerning issues that was mentioned online.

### **New Business**

Scott Lawson said one of the things that was brought to our attention was discussion on legal counsel. Daron Britain said he was told that our counselors are appointed by KCTCS, but we pay for that. Daron said there has been some discussion between us about is that what we should go with or should we pick our own counselors. Larry Potter said that he and Mike Poynter met with Wendell Followell concerning the possibility of having our own in-house attorney. One of the issues with this would be that they would be KCTCS employees. Larry said he ask Howdy Kurtsinger to do some research on this. He is currently working on that to find out what we can and can't do. Lonnie Madden asked do we have a doctor on the board yet. Scott Lawson said no we do not.



## **Correspondence**

Scott Lawson said the Junior Firefighter Camp is on November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup> in London Kentucky.

## **Announcements from the Audience**

Mark Luckett invited everyone to a dedication of a new station at the Airport in Daviess County. The dedication is on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Mark Luckett thanked Delores Montgomery for all of her hard work on their loan information.

Scott Lawson said at the December Commission meeting, we will set next year's Commission meeting dates.

Scott Lawson asked for everyone to sign their forms and give to Ericka Cole.

Dustin Isaacs motion to adjourn. John Bunnell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.