

# **KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION**

Fire Commission Minutes

December 17, 2019

Lexington, Kentucky

## **Present:**

Dr. Fadi Akhrass  
Joe Choate  
Dustin Isaacs  
Josiah Keats  
Tamela Kerr  
Ricky King  
Scott Lawson  
Lonnie Madden  
Michael Mosbey  
Andrew Scott  
Dwane Smeathers  
Lloyd Stone

## **Absent:**

Mike Haney

## **Board Advisors Present:**

Joe Baer  
Gregg Bayer  
John Beatsch

Andrew Scott called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Chuck Bonta conducted the swearing in of Dr. Fadi Akhrass, Joe Choate, Josiah Keats, Tamela Kerr, Ricky King, Scott Lawson, Lonnie Madden, Michael Mosbey, Dwayne Smeathers and Lloyd Stone.

## **Comments from the Chair**

The Commission Board introduced themselves to other board members and the audience.

## **New Business**

Andrew Scott said we need to make a motion to waive the by-laws. The Fire Commission by-laws said we can't have the election of new officers until January. Joe Choate motion to suspend section 2.2 of the by-laws so we can move forward with the nominations of officers. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew Scott motion to nominate Lonnie Madden for secretary. Dustin Isaacs seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew Scott said we have an open position for vice-chairman. Dustin Isaacs motion to nominate Andrew Scott. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew Scott said we have an open position for chairman. Joe Choate motion to nominate Scott Lawson. Lonnie Madden seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew Scott said we have our next Commission meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We discussed having the Fire Commission workshop on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Larry Potter asked can we look at a different date in January. We have three days left before we are closed for Christmas break. Andrew Scott said we can look at the dates and decide at our Commission meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Scott asked the board members to send an email to him or Larry letting them know what the best dates are for the workshop. Larry Potter said with the workshop do we know that we want to have the workshop outside of the office here. Andrew Scott said he attended the workshop last year at Lexington Green. He said he likes it because we were all together. We will still have expenses if we have the workshop at the office. Dustin Isaacs made the request that we have a one-night stay at the hotel. Larry Potter said we may want to leave this open so the Commission members who live far away can stay two nights. Andrew Scott said he thinks it is important that everyone be together. It will not be mandatory to stay. Joe Choate motion to set the dates of January 24 and 25 for the Fire Commission workshop at Lexington Green. Larry Potter said we will check on this tomorrow. Dr. Fadi seconded. Motion approved.

Andrew Scott said there are two meeting dates for 2020 that have been set. The meeting at Green River Officer's School will be on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm (CT) in Owensboro, Kentucky. Bruce Roberts said if committees have been assigned by that point in time, we will have committee meetings that morning before the Commission meeting. Andrew Scott said he is going to assign the committees if he has the authority too. John Beatsche said the Fire Commission meeting is on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm at the KFA Conference located at the Southgate Community Center. Andrew Scott said he would like to have some of the Commission

meetings across the state in different locations. The Commission decided to wait until January to set the 2020 meeting dates. Scott Lawson said he would like for at least two of the Commission meetings be after 6:00 pm.

Larry Potter said that NRPC has a project going on where they are building a road and a concrete driving obstacle course. The money that was appropriated for that was \$1,800,000. Marc Henderson said they have been working on this for almost 2½ to 3 years. Larry Potter said he discussed this with Wendell Followell. Larry said there was an overrun in the money that was needed. NRPC needed around \$700,000.00 to complete this project. Wendell Followell put a recommendation in with the KCTCS Board that they put \$1,000,000 into that account so NRPC can finish up this project. The KCTCS Board met and they wanted to know if the Fire Commission Board had approved this. Larry said he is asking this Fire Commission Board to approve that \$1,000,000 be kept in that account by KCTCS to complete this project. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Joe Choate seconded. Motion approved.

### **Correspondence**

Joe Baer said the Legislative Chili dinner will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> around 4:00 pm and will be held at the Buffalo Trace Club House.

Bruce Roberts said everyone should have a copy of the Fire Commission white book. The forms are not in the white book but are located on the Fire Commission website.

Gregg Bayer asked for some clarification on what the Fire Commission board advisors can do. Does this include nominations for the board? Andrew Scott said he thinks yes, the advisors can put in a nomination. Gregg Bayer nominated Michael Mosbey for chairman. Lloyd Stone seconded. Motion approved.

### **Announcements from the Audience**

Andrew Scott said that Dr. Fadi and I are going to meet with Bruce Roberts to go over the LODD's after the Commission meeting.

Andrew Scott said we didn't put the approval of minutes from December 5, 2019 on the agenda. We will approve them at the next Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.