

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

Fire Commission Minutes

June 11, 2015

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Theresa Rochetti-Cantrell
Greg Dearing
David Goldsmith
Scott Lawson
Bill Lilly
Greg Lowe
Tiger Robinson
David Stump
Bill Swope
Kevin Tyler

Absent:

Rick Daugherty
Pam Dickens
Mike Dossett
Vicki Herald
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Jennifer Schott

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Tiger thanked the Mercer County Fire Protection Board, Bill Lilly and Brian Steele for hosting this meeting today. Brian Steele introduced State Representative Kim King, Mercer County Judge Milward Dedman and Attorney Whitney Johns to the Commission. Representative King and Judge Dedman thanked everyone for being in Mercer County today. Bill Lilly thanked Brian Steele and Terry Smith for all of their hard work on this.

David Goldsmith motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2015 in Edgewood, Kentucky. Eric Bach seconded. Motion approved.

Personnel Committee

Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee did not have a quorum this morning. Greg said we have scheduled a meeting on June 25th at the Fire Commission office in Lexington at 9:30 a.m.

Greg Dearing said the Personnel Committee has instructed Ronnie Day to go ahead and work with KCTCS to post the IFSAC Coordinator position. Greg said Tim Johnson will be retiring as of June 15th. We will be filling that full time position as quickly we can. Greg Dearing said we are working with KCTCS on tactics for the interview process.

Finance Committee

David Stump said the Finance Committee did not have a quorum this morning. Greg Dearing motion to approve the Finance meeting minutes from the April 20th meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump said we looked at the year-end budget and revenues and everything looks like it is on track. David said we have approximately \$397,000.00 in PO's that is out right now. Approximately \$350,000.00 of that should go through before the end of the fiscal year.

David Stump said there is \$1,052,200.01 available for the Training Facility grant funds. The thermal imaging camera grants is completed. David said we didn't spend all of the money due to the fact that everyone who submitted a request was not eligible. David said the SFRT equipment list needs to be reviewed after July 1, 2015.

E&E Committee

David Goldsmith said the E&E committee met on June 9th in Lexington to review several issues. There was a boundary issue with Water Valley Fire Department and Hickman County Fire Department. We turned that over to Legal Counsel. Legal Counsel sent them a letter pursuant to KRS 273.401 stating a legislative body in the county has the jurisdiction. Greg Lowe motion to make note that this letter was sent to Hickman County Fire Department. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said at the April meeting the E&E Committee asked Bruce Roberts and Jeremy Rodgers to investigate more on the instructor issue with Dale Perry from Stamping Ground Fire Department. They worked with legal counsel and legal counsel drafted a letter that Bruce is to send to Mr. Perry stating that he did not meet the requirements to be an instructor. Greg Lowe motion for this letter to go into the minutes. Scott Lawson seconded. Dale Perry said he was never told that there would be a hearing. Ronnie Day said it's not a hearing. Ronnie said

once you receive the letter you will have 15 days to appeal this decision. Bruce said there hasn't been a hearing at all. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said there is an issue with South Owen Fire Department not providing receipts for what their state aid money was spent on. Greg Dearing motion to turn this over to the Attorney General's office. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said the state of Ohio contacted us concerning a verification of firefighter status on an individual who attended college at ECU. This student took this form to ECU and a professor at the college signed off on it. The professor sent us a letter stating that he did sign off on the verification form. The E&E committee is recommending to have our attorney send a letter to the ECU Director stating that none of their personnel can sign the verification form. It has to come from the Fire Commission. Scott Lawson motion to send the letter to ECU. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said we had an issue with training records with Lexington Fire Department. The captain that was in question and the training officer appeared before the committee to explain what happened. Supposedly everyone in question said they did receive the training, but there is no documentation to prove that. The Lexington Fire Department has put procedures in place to catch and correct this problem from occurring again. The captain will need to take a methodology class. No further action was taken.

David Goldsmith said Watts Fire Department only has six firefighters on their roster. Three of those firefighters are juniors. The committee recommends sending Watts Fire Department and the County Judge a letter stating they are no longer recognized by the Fire Commission. Scott Lawson motion to send the letter. Kevin Tyler seconded. Motion approved.

David Goldsmith said Chief Steve Listerman from Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Airport requested for us to look at DOD IFSAC certifications. The ones in question is the implied FF I certificates. The committee decided to table this until we receive more information.

David Goldsmith said Casey Hall brought us a new class on cancer awareness that he would like for us to review. Once the committee looks through the class we will make a decision and vote on whether to make it an approved class.

David Goldsmith said Bruce Roberts is going to look into why career fire departments can't receive state aid. Bruce is going to look at the KAR's and then get back to us.

Training Facility Committee

Bill Lilly said the Training Facility Committee met this morning. The minutes from the meeting in Edgewood, Kentucky was approved. Bill said we received a list of the departments applying for a Training Facility grant. There are 34 departments requesting a grant. \$1,052,200.01 will be awarded out this year. Bill Lilly said we will be meeting and then bringing the departments in to discuss their requests. Tiger Robinson said the requests that came in totaled over \$4,000,000.00.

Fire Marshal's Office

Bill Swope thanked everyone who helped out with state fire school. Bill said if your department hasn't participated in the inspection program, the Fire Marshal's Office would be happy to facilitate that. Bill Swope said the Fire Marshal's Office just hired two managers. Bill said we are only a few weeks away from fireworks season. If you have any questions, please go the Department of Housing, Building and Construction website and follow the links for fireworks.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

None.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Associations of Fire Chiefs

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Joe Baer said we are having a legislative meeting in Northern Kentucky at the Met Center on June 18th.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Tiger Robinson said the National Worker's Comp institute is requesting \$50,000.00 for research in Kentucky. Greg Dearing said he is going to speak against this. It is not in the Fire Commission's mission statement to spend that kind of money. Greg Dearing motion to not contribute to Worker's Comp National Institute. David Stump seconded. Kevin Tyler voted nay. Motion approved.

Greg Lowe said we have drafted two SOP's and sent them out to be reviewed. David Stump motion to approve the standard operating procedures on maintenance. Greg Dearing seconded. Motion approved. Kevin Tyler motion to approve the standard operating procedures for property accountability. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson said the new committee reports will be issued after July 1, 2015.

New Business

Tiger Robinson said our next meeting will be at the KFA Conference on August 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time) in Paducah, Kentucky.

Correspondence

Tiger Robinson said the KFA Conference is July 31st through August 4th in Paducah, Kentucky. Combat Challenge in Louisville will be August 21st through the 22nd.

Announcements from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.