

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

Minutes

August 3, 2014

Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Dr. Box
Teresa Rochetti- Cantrell
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
Mike Dossett
David Goldsmith
Vicki Herald
Scott Lawson
Greg Lowe
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
David Stump
William Swope

Tiger Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ronnie Day conducted the swearing in of David Goldsmith, Greg Lowe, Rich Meyer, Mike Dossett and Jim Nickell. Greg Lowe motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky. David Goldsmith seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson thanked Chris Crawford and the KFA for hosting this meeting today. Chris Crawford thanked everyone for being here.

Finance Committee

David Stump said the finance committee met this morning. David said the committee discussed the equipment list for SFRT. The board approved a little over six million dollars. SFRT has spent 2.3 million dollars of that money. There is about 3.6 million left for them to spend. SFRT is in the process of obtaining bids to spend this money. David Stump said the committee has discussed the salary adjustments for the employees. The JAQ-6 forms have been turned in to Dr. Box. David said they are still working on a vehicle maintenance committee.

David Stump said the committee discussed the two million dollars that was taken out of surcharge tax fund by the Governor to balance last year's budget. A million dollars was taken

out of the loan fund by the Governor's office. This came from our cash balance. David Stump said we reviewed fiscal year-end financial statements from both the Fire Commission side and the SFRT side. Everything seems to be in order. David said we are also taken quotes for the new recording system. David Stump said Pat Thompson submitted a proposal for fire instructor I and II. Pat Thompson said what we have asked for is for the Fire Commission to pay for one fire instructor class per area and 3 instructor II classes across the state per year. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

E&E Committee

There was no quorum this morning for the E&E committee.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope thanked Chris Crawford and the KFA for all of their hard work.

Homeland Security

None.

Emergency Management

Mike Dossett said he is looking forward to working with the Fire Commission.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

Chris Crawford said we have a pool party tonight and a cookout at the hotel. Chris said there is a luau at the Radcliff Park on Monday night.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

Mike Hulsey said the Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's conference will be held in Bowling Green on August 22 and 23rd.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Joe Baer said the next legislative session will start in January. Joe said he has been working with Howdy and Jack Reckner to help support our cause. Joe said they are working on the cancer presumption bill.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Bruce Roberts passed out forms to the Commission. A lot of departments don't know what chapter fire department they are. This new form will have that information on it. Bruce said we have created a form strictly for a chief change. Eric Bach motion to approve these forms. Rich Meyer seconded. Dr. Box asked can you put a revision date on these forms. Bruce Roberts said yes, he will do that. Pam Dickens said there is nothing on the new forms for industry. Bruce Roberts said he will work on that. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said Ronnie received a letter from the Harrison County Fire Protection District. They are requesting to use their state aid funds to purchase group term life insurance. Bruce said we have never done this before. Bruce Roberts said this is not on the approved list. Greg Dearing motion to table for further study. Rich Meyer seconded. Michael Kurtsinger said he thinks we should appoint a committee to look at the state aid list. Tiger Robinson said we should appoint a task force instead of a committee to look at this. Greg Dearing said he would like to amend his motion to take this back to the task force to look at state aid funding. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said he has received a letter from Radcliff Fire Department requesting an extension on the completion of their training center building. Bruce said structurally the building is there. Bruce said he would like to recommend if they can show us receipts that totals \$69,500.00 to go ahead and release the project. Jim Nickell motion to extend for six months. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said there was a letter sent by Ronnie Day in May requesting South Oldham Fire Department respond back to us by June 23rd because they are not in compliance with the secretary of state. Bruce said he checked as of today, they are still not in compliance. Bruce said he sent them a letter on 6-18-14 requesting our state aid to be refunded because some of the people on the roster shouldn't have been there. Bruce said as of this point in time he has not received a response back yet. Bruce Roberts said they are not responding to runs in their area. Bruce said he recommends call the chief in for a meeting. Scott Lawson said the letter needs to come from our attorney. Greg Dearing said the next letter we send needs to be sent registered mail. Bruce said he is not responding to the judge either. Greg Dearing said we need to pull their funding immediately. David Stump asked how much state aid are we asking them to return. Bruce said \$7,750.00. Greg Dearing motion to concur with Bruce Roberts. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said we need to call in one of our instructors for the training he has conducted at Grand Lakes Fire Department. We need to call him in and have him meet with the E&E committee and ask about the training he has taught at Grand Lakes. Scott Lawson motion to call this instructor in to our next E&E Committee meeting. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Bruce Roberts said as of Thursday, Benham Fire Department owes us \$18,869.00 in state aid money which is unaccounted for. Bruce and Jeremy went to Benham and the new county clerk has sent them receipts. A lot of the stuff purchased was for the police department. Bruce said

they have less than \$100.00 in the bank. Bruce said they have requested State Aid again. We told them that they can't have state aid until they can provide proof as to what the money was used for. Jim Nickell asked does it appear that they have spent the money on personal items. Bruce said one of the Gall's invoices had pepper spray and baton orders on it. Greg Dearing asked do you think we need to call the state police in to take a look at this. Ronnie said we have done this in the past and he doesn't think we have a choice. Bruce Roberts said that he and Jeremy would like to go back to Benham and show them what we have found. Jim Nickell said Bruce needs to do a Commission audit first. Jim Nickell motion to let Bruce do an internal audit and with whatever he finds, he can turn it over to the appropriate authorities. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved.

Michael Kurtsinger said he wanted to talk about the effects of House Bill 1. Michael Kurtsinger said as of July 1st, 150 departments had registered. Our goal is to get everyone to sign up. A member in the audience asked if a department doesn't get registered, will their worker's comp be cut off. Michael Kurtsinger said he needs to take this to legal.

Correspondence

Ronnie Day said the Fire Commission workshop will be held on September 20th and 21st at Lexington Greene. Ronnie said this in our by-laws and we have to do this. This workshop will not be rescheduled.

Ronnie said the Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be October 8th in Frankfort. The walk/ run has been cancelled this year because last year the attendance was extremely low. Ronnie said we need to sell some pavers. The National Fallen Firefighter service is on October 9th through the 13th in Emmetsburg. If you plan on making the trip please contact Ronnie or Therese as soon as possible. Ronnie Day said Arlie Hill's family will be traveling to Emmetsburg this year.

Greg Lowe said there is a private tour of the George S. Patton museum tomorrow if anyone would like to go.

Tiger Robinson said the October Commission meeting will be held on October 2nd at the Kimberly Clark plant at 1:00 p.m. (CT).

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.