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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

January 10, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on January, 10 2007 at the Lee County Office Building in the Gordon Wicker Room.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Linda Shook, Commissioner
- Doc Oldham
- John Altenburger
- Larry Kelly
- Royce Gaines
- Derrick Clouston

The following members were absent:

- David Smitherman, Ex officio member
- Roger King

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Donald Andrews welcomed everyone to the joint meeting of the Fire Advisory Board and the Lee County Fire Chief's Association.

Chairman Andrews indicated to the group that this meeting was informational in nature to help the Fire Departments understand the budget process that is being used this year. Each department was given a CD and hardcopy of the budget forms by Derrick Clouston. Chairman Andrews then presented the budget format and discussed the forms. Chief Nance from Northwest Pocket asked if the PPE line items could be combined into one area. Chairman Andrews indicated that he would make that change. Also of concern was contract labor under training, this section was changed to schools and seminars.

County Finance Director Lisa Minter spoke to the issue of projected revenues. She indicated to the group that an accurate assessment could not be gained at this point due to the fact that the reevaluation period is still ongoing and adjustments are being made. She indicated to the group that a revenue neutral approach would be most appropriate for budgeting this year.

Chief Campbell asked about the SRT funding. Derrick Clouston spoke to the fact that the reason the funds had not been released is due to the charters in each of the departments need to reflect duties to which the departments respond. This fact was also alluded to during the 9E inspections that OSFM was doing in the county that week. Derrick Clouston stated that once each department changed the charters and forwarded the changes, that he would release the funds at that time. He also indicated to the group that the SRT team leaders needed to set up a meeting in which it would be determined how the funds would be divided. Derrick also emphasized to the group that the teams needed to develop SOG's, submit rosters of team members, and training requirements to his office.

Chairman Andrews took the opportunity to introduce all the Fire Advisory Board once again to the Chief's and also introduced the new Commissioner representative Linda Shook. He also invited the departments to attend the Fire Advisory Board meetings.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Derrick Clouston, Fire Marshal