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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY
FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

March 19, 2013

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on March 19, 2013 at Lee County Emergency Services, located at 204 West Courtland Drive, Sanford, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Larry Kelly
- Kirk Smith
- Gary Gilliam
- David Vann
- Shane Seagroves, Ex officio member

Absent:

- Royce Gaines
- Richard Holshouser

Others Present:

- David Nance
- Josh Billings
- Wayne Parsons
- Chris Cox

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone; Kirk Smith, Commissioner Representative, was introduced as the replacement for Linda Shook.

Minutes from the October 9, 2012 meeting were approved, as presented, by a motion made by Gary Gilliam; seconded by David Vann; unanimous vote.

Shane gave an update on the service districts stating that the County Attorney is in the process of drafting resolutions for the service districts; a mailer to each taxpayer in the fire service districts will follow. A target date of July 1, 2013 has been established for these districts to become effective.

There was some discussion regarding the sales tax distribution for the next fiscal year. Larry stated there are still a lot of uncertainties among the Fire Chiefs concerning this topic, and that more distribution of information is needed. A decision was made for Chairman Andrews to present more detailed information to the Fire Chiefs at their next Association meeting.

The Fire Advisory Board was requested to provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in reference to a fire hydrant issue. After discussing the issue, a motion was made by Larry Kelly, stating that while the Fire Advisory Board agrees that there needs to be a fire hydrant at the intersection of Buckhorn and Hwy 42, a recommendation cannot be made for the installation, due to the need of other fire hydrants countywide. Motion was seconded by Gary Gilliam; unanimous vote. In further discussion, the Fire Advisory Board suggested that the county may want to take a look at the need of hydrants throughout the county and possibly come up with a long range plan to install hydrants where they are needed. The Fire Advisory Board also recommends a plan to have the hydrants that were removed, due to damage, and not replaced, to be a priority.

The Fire Department Budget Review and Recommendation Calendar Schedule for FY 2013/2014 with updates:

* Jan 11 - Budget Packets available for Fire Departments to pick up
* April 5 - Budget requests from Fire Departments due to Fire Marshal's Office
* April 15 - Budget books ready for distribution to FAB
* April 17 - FAB Meeting to review budget requests
* TBD - FAB Review/Q & A Session with Fire Departments
* May 20 – Fire Department budget recommendations to the County

Therefore being no further business to come before the Fire Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by a motion made by David Vann; seconded by Gary Gilliam.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Nancy Veroni, Secretary