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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

August 16, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on August 16, 2007 at Northview Fire Department, 104 Perkinson Road, Sanford, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Larry Kelly
- Doc Oldham
- John Altenburger
- Royce Gaines
- Roger King
- Linda Shook
- Shane Seagroves, Ex officio member

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by John Altenburger to approve the minutes from the July 18th meeting as presented; seconded by Roger King. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Andrews stated the purpose of the meeting was to talk about proposals for the substations. Cape Fear's Board met and has agreed to the FAB blueprints for their sub-station, but is not as far along as Lemon Springs in identifying a location. Cape Fear would like the endorsement of the FAB as far as taking the bypass and going west to the city limits. They want to keep their district, but would like to contract with the city to provide fire protection coverage for that area. A motion was made by Doc Oldham for the FAB to support Cape Fear's efforts in contracting the Clearwater area (bypass west) to the City of Sanford; seconded by John Altenburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Donald Andrews passed out a Sub-Station worksheet to be used as part of the package to be presented to the Board of Commissioner's for recommendations at their September meeting. Commissioner Shook suggested adding to the worksheet the total number of structures in each district and the percentage of those that would benefit as a result of a sub-station. Also, it was suggested that the range of \$250 – 300K be used for the cost of sub-stations, based on 2007 quotes. Chairman Andrews will begin work on the proposal and send a copy to each member as soon as possible.

Lee County's contract with Cameron Fire Department will cease on July 1, 2008. At that time, a recommendation made by the FAB to the Commissioner's would be for the County Manager preferably, to relay to his counterpart in Moore County that the contract for fire protection service is no longer needed and for assets to be settled.

The decision of West Sanford to merge with Northview was rejected by West Sanford members at their last meeting. They plan to pursue other ways to boost membership and look at other means to survive on their own.

Shane Seagroves commented that the PPE committee has been formed and is in the process of buying pagers. Through the group purchase plan, the 59 pagers on order will result in a savings of \$5400 to the departments. He also stated that specs for turnout gear have been written, and will be sent out for bids next.

Therefore no further business to come before the FAB, a motion was made to adjourn by Doc Oldham, seconded by John Altenburger. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary