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## MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

July 18, 2007

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The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on July 18, 2007 at Lemon Springs Fire Department, 1138 Greenwood Road, Lemon Springs, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were excused:

- Linda Shook
- Roger King

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

Shane Seagroves presented maps showing the 5 and 6 mile districts as established. Once all four substations are completed, all areas in Lee County will be covered with the exception of areas west of the new 421 bypass including the Clearwater Drive community and two blocks of Lake Villanow.

Shane provided feedback concerning the fund balance questions from the previous meeting. The funds are not calculated by finance until July 1<sup>st</sup>, therefore they can not be distributed until after the first of the month. Direct deposit was also discussed as an option for funds distribution. Interested departments are to submit a letter of request for direct deposit along with a voided deposit slip and voided check. There was also a discussion about SRT and worker's compensation monies and where the funds originate from.

Pay-per-call came to rest with the idea that the FAB should go to the Fire Chief's Council and ask them to figure out a dollar amount to be used by the whole county where everyone gets the same.

Tim Sloan, Cape Fear Fire Department, spoke about their plans for their proposed substation. The building they have considered is priced at \$125,000, without grading. In searching for a site for their substation, a landowner has proposed the terms of a lump sum amount with a 99 year lease. Tim asked the FAB their opinions on the lease to which Chairman Andrews replied that he felt the land should be owned and not leased. Chairman Andrews tasked Cape Fear with the following as the Cape Fear Board meets on August 7th:

- 1) Find out definite location for substation
- 2) Commit to constructing building FAB has laid out
- 3) Decision of Clearwater (city to contract with county for fire services as opposed to Cape Fear)

Stephen Cox and Rick Shearer, Lemon Springs Fire Department, met with the FAB to discuss and answer any questions concerning their substation plans. All criteria as set forth by the FAB for the building of their substation have been met.

Chairman Andrews made a recommendation to the board to appear before the BOC at their August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting seeking approval for Cape Fear and Lemon Springs substations and requesting that Cameron's contract cease with Lee County on June 30, 2008. At that time, Lemon Springs would have their substation in place and running. Larry made a motion that the FAB move forward with this plan, seconded by John Altenburger, with all in favor. Shane will work on a proposal to present to the BOC.

The County Attorney will assist in the merger between Northview and West Sanford Fire Departments pending approval. Assets will be acquired by Northview and districts will be drawn. These actions are pending at this time as West Sanford must take this issue before their department and Northview has to approve the actions through their board and membership.

Therefore no further business to come before the FAB, a motion was made to adjourn by John Altenburger, seconded by Doc Oldham. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Nancy Veroni, Secretary