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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

April 23, 2008

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on April 23, 2008 at Northview Fire Department, 104 Perkinson Road, Sanford, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

The following member was excused:

- Roger King

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

The original minutes and revised minutes from the December 12th meeting were passed out and clarified by Chairman Donald Andrews. A motion was made by John Altenburger to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Larry Kelly. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the February 6th meeting were summarized and accepted as presented. Motion made by John Altenburger; seconded by Doc Oldham; followed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Andrews informed the FAB that all fire departments' budget requests had been turned in and packages mailed in advance to board members for the purpose of reviewing and generating questions before the April 23rd meeting.

In reviewing and discussing the funding requests as a board, several questions came up for specific departments that need to be elaborated on in more detail. An attachment to the minutes outlines the questions to be asked of the respective fire departments.

Shane passed out a printout showing the requested and recommended amounts for the Fire Marshal's Office for FY 08-09. Commissioner Shook and others are still in agreement that the Fire Marshal's Office should be funded from the General Fund.

Chairman Andrews gave everyone a spreadsheet detailing the projected amounts of each fire department including fund balances, property values and tax rates.

The FAB decided to schedule meetings with the fire department representatives over a two-night period in order to address budget request questions and allow time for voting on the budgets afterwards. The schedules for each department and time for the May 13th and May 15th sessions are provided on the attachment with the fire department budget questions.

Shane gave an update on the contract situation in terms of the City of Sanford providing fire protection to the Clearwater area. According to an email received by the County Manager, upon research, the City Manager stated they will not be able to provide fire services to the county. In doing so, the City would be giving up their rights for sovereign immunity.

Therefore being no further business to come before the FAB, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary