

# LEE COUNTY

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## **MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD**

**JULY 19, 2006**

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The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on July 19, 2006, in the Small Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Derrick Clouston
- Larry Kelly
- Royce Gaines
- John Altenburger

The following members were absent:

- Roger King
- Larry Oldham
- Bob Brown
- David Smitherman, Ex officio member

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and introduced Derrick Clouston, Fire Marshal, and Nancy Veroni, Emergency Management Office, as the minute-taker.

Chairman Andrews asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the minutes. John Altenburger stated that in adhering to the by-laws, motions that are made, seconded, and voted on should be recorded in the minutes, and the results of who voted should also be documented. Some members stated that they did not have a copy of the By-Laws. Each member was then handed a copy of the By-Laws for their records. Chairman Andrews said he would make revisions to prior minutes as requested.

Derrick Clouston distributed to the board a report on the current status of Office of Lee County Fire Marshal and Lee County Fire Departments. An attachment is provided to the minutes for reference. He also stated that the Fire Marshal Office has hired two temporary Fire Inspectors to help with inspections and plan reviews. Derrick also noted that there are 568 buildings awaiting inspections in Lee County, with a completion timeframe within 18 months.

A discussion regarding the manner in which Lee County collects taxes to support fire protection was started. It was suggested by Chairman Andrews to wait until all board members are present and after the Informational Session, to engage in further details and discussion. The session will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and host A.C. Daniels and A.C. Rich, who will reveal the pros and cons of service/ fire districts. Afterwards, once some structure has been established, Royce Gaines suggested meeting with the Fire Chiefs for their input on the matter. Chairman Andrews added that the goal to vote for or against the service/fire district tax is October.

Chairman Andrews will email members as to suitable dates and times for the next meeting.

Being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Donald Andrews made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by John Altenburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.