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**HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL7, 2014**

**STATION 1**

**6:30 P.M.**

The Hart County Fire Board met for the regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2014 at

Station 1 beginning at 6:30p.m. Fire Board members present were:

David Howbert – Station 2

Joey Dorsey – Station 3

Brian Adams – Station 7

Mike Bailey – Station 5

Mike Milford – Station 6

Stephen Ayers – Station 8

Don Styles – Station 4

Ryan Ray- Station 9

Firefighters present were:

Chief Jerry Byrum

Kevin Norris – Station 2

Brian Adams moved to approve the agenda. Joey Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Bailey moved to approve the minutes from the February, 2014 meeting. Ryan Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Station Reports:

Station 1 – Nothing to report

Station 2 – Having open house for the new station on May 24, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Station 3 – Wanted update on new air compressor. Chief Byrum advised that the bid had been

awarded. Also need shirt sizes from each firefighter for new shirts. Joey Dorsey

stated that Station 4 truck pump was in and should be ready this week or next.

Texting of calls has been addressed and is being looked into. Followed up on

retirement. Airline-Goldmine Road water tank is under construction.

Station 4 – Expressed concerns over problems with radio system. Station 4 will have a

Chicken BBQ on April 26, 2014.

Station 5 – Nothing to report

Station 6 – Nothing to report

Station 7 – Nothing to report.

Station 8 – Station 8 will have a Chicken BBQ on April 26, 2014.

Station 9 – Outside light is still not working

New hydrants are being installed on Old Elbert Road and will be maintained by the City of Royston. Last hydrant will be before the railroad crossing at Vanna Church.

We have found that during practicing the water shuttle one 1500 gallon tanker is not enough. It will take a minimum of three to do it effectively. Another tanker of 3000 gallons or more is being looked into as a possibility to remedy the problem. Still unsure as to how the draft drill will go.

Stations need to be more proficient in filling out their reports and paperwork completely.

We are examining the possibility of doing away with the fax lines at each station and replacing them with internet and laptops to complete reports.

Each station needs to finish their gear inspections and turn paperwork into Chief Byrum.

Granite marker for the training center was discussed and two different marker plans were presented. Plans for paying for the marker was discussed but no vote taken on this.

Plans are in the works to ask for two more firefighter positions. The lack of support on the northern end of the county was talked about for two new positions to be stationed. Positions would be certified to the same level as the current full time positions. Joey Dorsey discussed having a work day with the BOC to see if we could resolve some of the issues in the department. Different methods of paying for the new positions were discussed and will be discussed further at the budget meeting. Joey Dorsey advised he will bring another commissioner to the next Fire Board meeting to discuss the new positions.

Junior Firefighter Program was discussed. Waiting on Boy Scouts of America to send information about the program since the program is through the Boy Scouts of America.

SOG on fire gear was discussed. Stricter policies for enforcing violations were discussed. Also discussed discipline actions about when and where turnout gear would be worn. Safety officers were talked about to further reinforce new discipline when new SOG on gear were in place. Mike Bailey asked for a meeting with all Safety Officers as well as the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Training Captain. A meeting will be set up very soon.

Concern forms were explained and discussed and a copy was given to each Fire Board member. Forms should be filled out completely and turned into Station Captain or Chief Byrum. Joey Dorsey and Don Styles suggested making each firefighter sign each form rather than remaining anonymous.

FY2015 budget was discussed. Current FY2014 budget was explained. Copies of the FY2014 budget was given to each Fire Board member and each line item discussed.

FF1 skills check off is set for Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the city training grounds. Two practice days are scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 and Friday, April 11, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Station 8.

Six firefighters took and completed the Evaluators course.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Bailey and seconded Joey Dorsey. Motion carried with no opposition.

Next Fire Board meeting will be June 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 1.