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**HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

**STATION 1**

**6:30 P.M.**

The Hart County Fire Board met for the regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2015 at

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

Charlie Pierce – Station 1

David Howbert – Station 2

Joey Dorsey – Station 3

Don Styles – Station 4

Mike Bailey – Station 5

Mike Milford – Station 6

Scott Mabry – Station 7

Marshall Norton – Station 8

Ryan Ray – Station 9

Chief Jerry Byrum

Firefighters present were:

Stephen Ayers – Station 8

Kinsey Craft – Station 5

Dustin Carruth – Station 1

Casey Robinson – Station 1

Keith Wicker – Station 1

Rusty King – Station 8

Jason Haley – Station 5

Andrew Leard – Station 4

Marshall Norton opened the meeting and served as Chairman

Charlie Pierce moved to approve the agenda. Mike Milford seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Milford moved to approve the minutes from the December 2014 meeting. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Nominations were opened for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Fire Board.

Mike Milford moved to nominate Marshall Norton to serve as Chairman. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Milford moved to nominate Marshall Norton to serve as Secretary. Charlie Pierce seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion carried with no opposition.

Marshall Norton moved to nominate Charlie Pierce to serve as Vice-Chairman. Ryan Ray seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion carried with no opposition.

Station Reports:

Station 1 – In the process of remodeling the upstairs portion of the station. Also taking bids on

putting down flooring. Working on fundraisers for the year.

Station 2 – Wanted update on computers and tanker. Chief Byrum stated he will discuss this

later in the meeting.

Station 3 – Nothing to report

Station 4 – Nothing to report

Station 5 – Ladder 5 is coming along and being equipped. Needs to be utilized when needed.

Station 6 – Nothing to report

Station 7 – Nothing to report

Station 8 – Marshall Norton stated he spoke with Terrell Partain to get an update on the radio

system. Terrell stated he hoped to have it operational within the next two weeks.

Station 9 – Bathroom has been built in the station. Ryan Ray wanted to ask the Fire Board for

approval to begin looking for an engine to replace the old front mount pumper that

serves as their engine now. Mike Bailey moved to begin looking for Station 9 an

engine. Mike Milford seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Assistant Chief Stephen Ayers resigned his position as Assistant Chief two weeks ago.

Ryan Ray moved to begin accepting applications for the Assistant Chief position and run the application process through March 2, 2015. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

The Fire Board will meet on March 2, 2015 at 6:30 at Station 1 to review the applications for Assistant Chief. Chief Byrum will then be at the following stations on the following dates with the ballots:

March 9, 2015 – Stations 4 & 9

March 10, 2015 – Stations 2 & 5

March 17, 2015 – Station 1

March 23, 2015 – Stations 3 & 8

March 24, 2015 – Stations 6 & 7

Chief Byrum was notified that ISO had lost all the water shuttle exercise paperwork in January. Chief Byrum stated he later found out that the paperwork was with the southeast director. Since the ISO evaluation in 2012, the schedule for what is needed on each truck has changed and the department will have to have another complete evaluation. Chief Byrum advised that he was working trying to get all the trucks checked off so that another evaluation could be scheduled.

Tanker 21 has been pulled out of service due to issues with the steel rails underneath the tank. The steel is rusted out and will have to be replaced in order to make the truck safe for operation again. Marshall Norton presented three options for repairing or replacing the tanker. Option 1 was to purchase a new tanker, option 2 was to replace the cab and chassis and keep the existing tank and pump, and option 3 was to repair tanker 21. After discussion of the three options, Charlie Pierce moved to repair the existing tanker. Don Styles seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Chief Byrum discussed truck response guidelines. Chief Byrum wanted each member to remind their stations that the engine, tanker, and front mount pumpers will be the first trucks to roll on all structure fires. Chief Byrum also stated that Service 1 will respond to structure fires for Stations 1, 2, 4, 6 & 9 and Service 3 will respond to structure fires for Stations 3, 5, 7, & 8. Chief Byrum stated that the incident commander or an officer can make the decision if another service truck is needed on scene.

Chief Byrum wanted each member to discuss with their stations that any member who does not have turn out gear on structure and vehicle fires are not to be in the hot zone. Chief Byrum stated that any firefighter found in the hot zone without gear will be told to leave the hot zone until they get their gear.

Need to know from each station sizes and the number of reflective safety vests are needed for firefighters who do not have them.

Computers for each station are ready. Waiting on a few screens and the wireless antennas to come in and they will be installed in the stations.

Chief Byrum stated he had the bid specs ready for 53 sets of turnout gear. Chief Byrum stated he found on the internet that OSHA was planning to change the color of all gear to a safety green beginning in 2016 and have all gear replaced by 2020. Chief Byrum stated he had spoke with some vendors and some had heard of this and some hadn’t. Recommendation was made to continue with the bidding and to speak with OSHA to try and confirm this.

Marshall Norton talked with the Fire Board about putting together a packet to present to the BOC about adding another full time firefighter who will also serve as training officer and assist with paperwork for training and other duties. Scott Mabry moved for Marshall Norton to proceed with putting this together to present to the BOC. Ryan Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Pierce seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Next Fire Board meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 1.