

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD

Burn Building Committee Wednesday, February 24, 2016

A meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Board Burn Building Committee was held at Virginia Beach Convention Center at 2pm; Mr. Robert Miner served as Chair.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Miner – Burn Building Committee Chair - Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators

Dawn Brown – Insurance Industry Representative

James ‘Randy’ Wheeler – Vice-Chair – Virginia Municipal League

Bettie Reeves-Nobles – General Public

David Layman - Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Day –Virginia Fire Services Council

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Bailey – Chair – Virginia State Firefighter’s Association

Bill Kyger – Association of Counties

Jeff Bailey - VA Chapter of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors

Charles ‘Ed’ Altizer – Virginia State Fire Marshal

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Scaife Theresa Hunter

Melvin Carter Mohamed Abbamin

GUESTS PRESENT

Brad Owens Wayne Garst Charles Singleton Dean Farmer

CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Prince George New Construction
- B. Montgomery County - Extension
- C. Virginia Beach - Extension

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments made.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

Robert Miner thanked everyone for their attendance. A discussion on Fire Programs Resource Management System funding via the burn building grant was added to the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

New Construction Applications

Topic: Prince George County – New Burn Building

Motion: Motion to allocate up to \$450,000 for Prince George County’s construction for a Class A Burn Building.

Topic Discussion: Prince George County submitted an application which included a request for construction of Class A burn building. The County cites the facility will aid their fire departments along with surrounding fire services demands. Moreover, the County’s Capital Improvement Program will financially assist with the project.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Will be presented at the next full board meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Topic: Montgomery County - Extension

Motion: Motion to extend Montgomery County’s burn building project for 90 days.

Topic Discussion: The County’s building official is currently ensuring the plans satisfy the necessary requirements. At least 90 days is requested.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Will be presented at the next full board meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Topic: Virginia Beach - Extension

Motion: Motion to extend Virginia Beach’s burn building application for 90 days.

Topic Discussion: Virginia Beach is awaiting approval for increased use of natural material as well as installation of additional infrastructure to accommodate the vehicle fire simulator. If approved, Virginia Natural Gas would provide all equipment; material and effort to ensure safe installation and integration of the vehicle fire training props to the existing manifold.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Will be presented at the next full board meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Topic: Virginia Department of Fire Programs – Funding for Image Trend

Motion: Motion fund up to a onetime transfer of \$200,000 to assist in obtaining the program. Motion is contingent on a review/approval from the Attorney General's Office.

Topic Discussion: Dave Layman cited that the fire services in Virginia are dealing with inefficiency in managing various aspects. A new software program is being considered by Fire Programs that will create a streamline system which provides complete and accurate incident reporting through a user-friendly interface that in essence reduces data entry time for complete and accurate fire reporting. Moreover, the program is able to streamline operations such as inventory management, especially keep track of all burn building in the Commonwealth along with its age, frequency of usage etc.

Melvin Carter, Executive Director indicated that the program known as Image Trend – allows for the agency to enhance efficiency as all maintenance and software upgrades are performed by the company's skilled technicians.

A motion was sought for a onetime transfer of \$200,000 to assist in obtaining the program. It was further noted, the motion is contingent on a review/approval from the Attorney General's Office.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Will be presented at the next full board meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The subcommittee adjourned at 3:15pm.

Clerk of the Committee

REVIEWED BY:



Brenda Scaife
Director of Administration

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Date

Enclosures:

1. **Enclosure 1 – Prince George FY16_Burn Building Application.**
2. **Enclosure 2 - Montgomery County Extension**
3. **Enclosure 3 - Extension Request from VA BEACH**

Approved