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MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 22, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on February 22, 2007 in the Small Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Roger King
- Larry Kelly
- Doc Oldham
- John Altenburger

The following members were absent:

- Royce Gaines
- Linda Shook
- David Smitherman, Ex officio member

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and introduced Bill Rogers, Fire Inspector with the Fire Marshal's Office, who will be filling in until a Fire Marshal has been hired.

There were no minutes to approve, due to the lack of members present at the previous FAB meeting.

The Fire Advisory Board reviewed the matching fund grant requests from the following fire departments: Northwest Pocket, Deep River, Cape Fear, and Cameron. The table below shows each respective fire departments desired use of grant funding and their totals:

Northwest Pocket	Deep River	Cape Fear	Cameron
(12) Air Packs (SCBA)	SCBA upgrade	Sub-station Construction	(8) sets of turnout gear
Nozzles	(8 Survivair Panther)		
Adaptors			
Drop Tank			
Walkie/Talkies			
Totals - \$20,000	\$26,000	\$20,000	\$14675

Through the dollar-for-dollar matching fund program, the Department of Insurance assists fire departments with purchasing equipment and making capital improvements.

Chairman Andrews recommended a motion be made to accept the fire departments grant requests, with the exception of Cameron. Doc Oldham made the motion, seconded by John Altenburger and the vote was unanimous. After receiving Cameron's paperwork, an amendment was made to the motion to accept their grant request also.

Chairman Andrews spoke briefly about the County Commissioners' Annual Retreat held recently in Broadway. He commented that it went fairly well and that he gathered from the Commissioners that the FAB was headed in the right direction.

Based upon feedback from the Board of Commissioners, the FAB decided to continue working on plans for (4) sub-stations and bring data and recommendations to the Commissioners in the form of a cost/benefits analysis. Donald noted that Cape Fear has already made some progress in prepping for a sub-station through the formation of a building committee, setting money aside, and talking with the property owner.

After some discussion concerning sub-stations, Chairman Andrews made a motion to appoint a Fire Advisory Building Design Committee, seconded by Roger King, with all in favor. Larry Kelly was appointed by the FAB to chair the Building Design Committee, and Bill Rogers from the Lee County Fire Marshal's Office was also asked to serve. Chairman Andrews will send a letter of request to the Chief and/or President of Cape Fear, Deep River, Lemon Springs and Northwest Pocket fire departments requesting that they appoint one designee from their department to serve, bringing together a six-member committee. The first meeting has been set for March 6th, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Sanford Station 3.

Chairman Andrews noted that the fire departments are busily working on their budgets which are due on the 21st of March.

Therefore being no further business to come before the FAB, John Altenburger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doc Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary