

STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn
Morgantown, WV
April 15, 2015

The official business meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Carl Sizemore.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert S. Miller	Larry Goodwin
Carl Sizemore	Virgil White
Dave Camp	Grant Gunnoe
Ted Shriver	Vic Stallard
John Holstein (by phone)	Tom Keefer (by phone)
Gary Bonnett	

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Rick Scott	Doug Mongold
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner White made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. The ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Training Committee 4/14/15
White Miller Stallard Holstein by phone and Sizemore

Called to order at 11:30

Commissioner Miller motions to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Holstein with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Training Standards; Counsel says they were properly filed and will be effective July 1, 2015

2013 firefighter 1 & 2 curriculum

Tommy Miller's request for positive pressure CBA's

2014 fire officer 1 & 2 curriculum

NIMS training should be made available to firefighters

Mark Lambert is waiting on the arson slides to be done. As soon as they get them they will be sent out.

WVU; weekend fire school Aug 7-9 at Jacksons mill. Once the class schedule is finalized it will be announced. June 27- July 2 they will be having the junior firefighter camp. The academy now has cell service. They are working on a fire science degree but just the beginning stages right now. The new school of health is very interested in firefighter health and a possible study may be coming. Ralph McEmnar is a new staff member and they also hired a secretary. Wetzel county fire school is this weekend.

Commissioner Gunnoe says he has been asked to see what the training committee can do to look at the test for Core Rescue with RESA. People are happy with the class the book but unhappy with the test. RESA is going to take the concerns back and look at what they can do. They will give an update at the June meeting.

RESA/WV Dept. of Ed.; most of the trainers are at Camp Dawson this week giving training. Dave Plume has a fire school coming up this weekend at Pendelton County. They are working on redoing the tests they have right now. May 6-9 is the public safety expo at the Civic Center in Charleston. Lots of nationally recognized speakers are coming. They will be having some hands on training over the week as well. Last year over 600 attended pre-registration is over 400 people currently so they are expecting a larger turnout. www.Wvsafetyexpo.com registration fee is 200.00 and includes your lunch and two breaks every day. Some counties are sponsoring the event which makes their firefighters able to attend at no charge.

Commissioner White talks about an email from Ken Bostwick with Action Training trying to find out if they need to be approved by the Commission. Consensus is they need to resubmit and be approved through the training committee. Commissioner White will get in touch with him and let him know to submit appropriate paperwork to begin the process.

RESA speaks about a fire they at the institute facility last night and says they will remodel and continue on.

Commissioner Stallard motions to adjourn at 11:55 seconded by Commissioner Miller with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Camp made a motion to accept the committee's report seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. With all the ayes nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Disciplinary Committee –
Disciplinary Committee 4-14-15

Bonnett Stallard and Sizemore

Called to order at 3:10

Commissioner Stallard makes a motion to go into executive session at 3:11 seconded by Commissioner Bonnett all I

Provaznik gives an update on Kessler Cross Lanes and Craigsville VFD is working on fixing their issues and will know more in June.

Provaznik tells the committee Coalwood Caretta VFD has improved somewhat but more to come in June.

Larry Ray Chief from Follansbee FD came in to speak.

Commissioner Bonnett to leave executive session at 3:45 seconded by Commissioner Stallard with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Stallard to table until the June Kessler Cross Lanes Craigsville and Coalwood Caretta VFD seconded by Commissioner Bonnet with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-11 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant Matoaka VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-12 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant Smoot VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-14 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant Adrian VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-16 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant Hillsboro VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-19 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant Williamsburg VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-20 Commissioner Stallard motions to find probable cause seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard motions to grant War VFD 180 day extension seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Stallard made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to accept the committees report seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Legislative Codes & Regulations Committee-
Legislative, Codes, and Regulatory Committee

Shriver Camp Goodwin Miller and Sizemore

Called to order at 1:12

Old Business

City of Hurricane; the case has been closed. Judge Stowers dismissed the Commission from the suit and mediation has been successful. In March Judge Stowers dismissed the suit completely.

City of Lumberport and City of Salem update the office has been in touch with them and they are working on getting everything taken care of.

HomeSpection Training Institute Pre-licensing course; Shriver recommends to not approve HomeSpection because they stated they can't comply with our requirements.

Commissioner Goodwin motions to not approve the pre licensing course seconded by Commissioner Miller with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

InterNACHI pre-licensing course; Shriver speaks about InterNACHI's process which does not meet what we expect.

Commissioner Goodwin motions to not approve the pre licensing course seconded by Commissioner Miller with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

WV Code Title 87-1 State Fire Code; Counsel says they have had meetings with some changes and it is ready to go out for public comment.

Commissioner Miller makes a motion to send 87-1 to public comment and hearing seconded by Commissioner Camp with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

WV Code Title 87-4, State Building Code; Counsel says two stake holder meetings were held and some changes were made and a minor change to the property maintenance code. Must have court order to demolition any property.

Commissioner Miller motions to put 87-4 out for public comment seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

WV Code Title 87-7, Building Code Official; Counsel says this was more complicated. They tried to simplify the rule. Counsel is not sure the code officials will be happy with as they not all attended the stake holder meetings. Counsel is going to speak with ICC to see what other states are doing. We can have a public hearing between now and June.

Commissioner Camp motions to put 87-7 out for public comment seconded by Commissioner Miller. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver would like to see 29-3 on the agenda for the June meeting to see if we want to open it up and work on it.

Jefferson County Interpretation; regarding a temporary tent structure for a 3-5 day event. Discussion follows. SFMO is working with the county and his recommendations will be taken in to account during public comment.

HCI program agenda; Shriver says he spoke to Mike Reel about this program and recommends approving it.

Commissioner Camp motions to approve this for a continuing education for Home Inspectors seconded by Commissioner Goodwin with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

ECSTI Training Institute Program; Shriver has not had time to review it but will discuss it tomorrow during the full meeting.

Commissioner Goodwin motions to review this tomorrow or if not in June seconded by Commissioner Camp with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

City of Lewisburg BCO; Asking for an extension on his BCO except for 1 exam (ICC electrical). Shriver recommends extending the provisional status.

Commissioner Camp motions to give a 60 day extension seconded by Commissioner Miller with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Goodwin motions to adjourn at 1:52 seconded by Commissioner Miller with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to accept the committee's report seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Fire Department Services Committee –
FDS 4/14/15

Members Present: Goodwin Gunnoe Camp Sizemore and Bonnett Commissioner Camp ran the meeting

Called to order at 10:02

Commissioner review FO 1 & 2 applications

Michael Meyers FO 1 & 2 approved

Jesse Kenne FO 2 approved

Patricia Moore FO 1 & 2 approved

Robert Seccuro FO 1 & 2 deferred to next meeting

Kenneth Stump FO 1 approved

Jerry Murrin FO 2 approved

Russell McCullough FO 2 approved

Brian Whittington FO 1 approved

Joesph Tanner FO 2 denied

Arthur Sharp FO 1 & 2 approved

Adam Thompson FO 1 approved

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to approve the FO 1 & 2 applications as stated above seconded by Commissioner Goodwin with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Nettie VFD; Provaznik gives an update on the department. Staff recommends recertifying this department. Commissioner Bonnett makes a motion to recertify Nettie VFD seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed

Dunbar VFD; Provaznik gives an update. Staff recommends recertifying this department. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Renick VFD; Provaznik gives an update. Staff recommends recertifying this department. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Commissioner Goodwin with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-13; Provaznik gives an update on Cora VFD and recommends recertifying. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Goodwin with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-15; Provaznik gives an update on Guyan River VFD and recommends recertifying. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-17; Provaznik gives and update on Lewisburg VFD and recommends recertifying. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Commissioner Goodwin with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

2015-18; Provaznik gives an update on Frankford VFD and recommends recertifying. Commissioner Gunnoe motions to recertify seconded by Commissioner Bonnett with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Provaznik gives an update on Kessler Cross Lanes VFD, Craigsville VFD, and Coalwood Carretta VFD believes they may be in compliance by the time of the June meeting.

Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to accept the committee's report seconded by Commissioner Stallard. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Subcommittee for Recruitment and Retention-

Subcommittee Recruitment and Retention

Gary Bonnett chaired the committee with Sizemore Goodwin Camp and Gunnoe present

Called to order at 10:58

Bonnett gives a speech about what is going on in the fire service now. Commissioner Bonnett says they have two people going around talking to students about the history of

the fire service hoping to educate young people about the importance of firefighting. He introduces Donald Martin.

Mr. Martin speaks to the committee regarding What's Next For West Virginia? Gives ideas of what we can do to help the fire service. Working with americor we can look at other states for recruitment.

Commissioner Bonnett says he feels it will work but of course admits it will take a lot of work but something needs to change.

Mark Lambert says WVU is sponsoring a symposium of volunteering this fall. The lady chairing it says she can do a 1 hour presentation on volunteer firefighting if the commission would like.

Commissioner Goodwin asks if this is similar to what Star City did years ago with college students? He is told it was similar but not federally funded.

Commissioner Goodwin motions to adjourn at 11:17 seconded by Commissioner Camp with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner White made a motion to accept the committee's report seconded by Commissioner Miller. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Operations Committee- Operations Committee

Gunnoe White and Holstein by phone and Sizemore is sitting in

Called to order at 2:15

Update on the policy and procedures manual; Marshal Tyree speaks about what they have done so far. A new division called Services division that will encompass licensing, public education, and FDSD.

Restructure plan; Marshal Tyree has spoken with Joe Thorton. We are asking for a salary increase for staff that will have to go through the governor's office. Vacancies that need filled and asking for some reclassification of a few employees. Goes over the old and new organization chart.

Marshal speaks about job postings going on now. Hope to have these positions filled by June 1.

Community Risk Reduction plan we have joined in and will be working with them. The plan will be presented to the commission later in the year.

We have provided more NFRIS training this year. A chart was provided to show over training in the last 10 years and upcoming training this year.

Handle with Care; piloted through law enforcement and nurses through schools it is a program that will identify young people that have traumatic incidents. We will be involved in the fire aspect side of this. A link on our website will be provided and just get the fire service joined in with this program.

We are hoping to have this September a statewide fire prevention event with smoke detectors.

Marshal Tyree has some new ideas on how to spend the money for Public Education. Marshal Tyree will be meeting with Metro News this week.

A spot is needed on our website to have a training tab so everything can be listed for people to know about it.

Nathan Bushek left our agency for Savannah, GA to be an inspector. Leslie has submitted her resignation for the end of the month.

We are getting ready to begin renovations in May. Inspection/Plan Review will be going to the first floor and investigation division will be moving back to the 2nd floor. We will create a hearing exam room. They left us quite a bit of furniture.

Marshal Tyree begins to explain the policies and procedures and answers any questions.

Discussion followed

Commissioner Gunnoe asks for a draft copy before the June meeting to be reviewed.

Deputy Leake gives his report for Inspection/Plan Review

Acting Deputy Barker gave his report for the Investigation division

Commissioner White motions to adjourn at 3:04 seconded by Commissioner Holstein with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Shriver makes a motion to accept the committee's report seconded by commissioner Bonnett. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

The commission took a 10 minute recess and came back to order at 10:06 AM.

City of Kenova- Counsel gave an update that a consent order has been received.

Commissioner Stallard made a motion to agree to the consent order seconded by Commissioner Gunnoe. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

New Business

Folansbee VFD- Commissioner Sizemore says the commission is working with the chief and everything should be taken care of soon.

Dunbar extension- Commissioner Stallard made a motion to give an extension to June 1 and have another update given at the next meeting seconded by Commissioner Shriver. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Fetterman weapon retirement- Commissioner Stallard made a motion to issue Mr. Fetterman his service weapon seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to go into executive session for disciplinary reason at 10:07 seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to leave executive session at 11:07AM seconded by Commissioner Stallard. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe motions to find probable cause on 15-003-BCO and 15-004-BCO seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe motions to table 15-005-BCO and 15-006-BCO until the circuit court rules on the lawsuit seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe motions to consolidate 15-001-BCO, 15-003-BCO, and 15-004-BCO from the similarities in the complaint seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

Correspondence

Counsel speaks about Shepherdstown and says it will be taken up during the June meeting.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Bonnett says the WV fire chiefs will be having a meeting this coming Sunday.

Commissioner Gunnoe said a high rise fire drill at Columbia Gas building will be held in Charleston on June 6, 2015. Approximately 300 people will be participating for practice and to be evaluated.

August 20-22 the state fireman's convention will be held in Ripley.

Next meeting is in Elkins, WV at the Holiday Inn Express on June 16-17, 2015.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner White. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.