

STATE FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
WV Fire Marshal's Office • Charleston, WV •

January 29, 2019

PLEASE NOTE:

The following minutes have been provided and are considered unofficial, until they are submitted for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

The official business meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Grant Gunnoe.

ROLL CALL: by Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Sharp

Commissioners Present

Grant Gunnoe, Carl Eastham, and Virgil White.

Commissioners Conference Call In

Doug Mongold, Doug Estep, Edward George, Jim Oldaker, Mark Stroop, Martin Hess, Ted Shriver and Thomas Keefer

Commissioners Absent

Dave Camp and Phil Hart.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Municipality Home Rule Board Settlement-

Fire Marshal Tyree reviewed the Municipality Home Rule Board Settlement with the Fire Commissioners present. A Verified Petition for Writ of Prohibition was filed in October 19, 2016 that allowed Bridgeport and Clarksburg to become exempt from the requirements of the State Building Code as promulgated by the Fire Commission in the WV Code of State Regulations.

Commissioner Eastham sent an email asking if the WV State Fire Codes and training requirements could be added to the settlement

Fire Marshal Tyree explained that presently the Municipal Home Rule Board could not exempt the Fire Code and concerning fire training the Fire Commission would've had to add this prior to the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Gunnoe asked if Bridgeport and Clarksburg would have to go back and make any changes?

Fire Marshal Tyree explained that this settlement agreement would only prevent future municipalities from being exempted from the State Building Code. Bridgeport and Clarksburg would continue as they are now.

Commissioner Gunnoe stated that hopefully moving forward this settlement will stop an avenue for cities to exempt themselves from the State Building Code in the future.

Commissioner Eastham stated that his email questions weren't part of the original litigation, but wanted to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Shriver asked if moving forward if Bridgeport and Clarksburg would have to comply with the State Building Code?

Fire Marshal Tyree said no, these cities wouldn't have to comply.

Commissioner Gunnoe stated that nothing in this settlement requires them to comply, unless Bridgeport or Clarksburg would agree on their own, but this does prevent other cities from being exempted from the State Building Code.

Commissioner White made a motion to approve the Municipal Home Rule Board Settlement, second by Commissioner Eastham. With all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

Next regularly scheduled Committee Meetings will take place Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, Charleston, WV beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will take place Friday, February 8, 2019 at the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, Charleston, WV beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to adjourn at 10:14AM, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
