



MINUTES

**Holly Springs Fire-Rescue District
Commission Board of Fire Control
Wednesday, April 15th, 2015
7:00pm**

A public meeting of the Holly Springs Fire-Rescue District Commission Board of Fire Control was held on April 15th, 2015, at 7:00 pm. in the Clara W. Edwards Community Center of the Holly Springs Fire Department administrative building. Chairperson Lee Jeffcoat presided. The following members were present or absent as indicated:

List Present or Absent

Commissioners

Chairman Lee Jeffcoat - Present
Vice-Chairman Robby Golightly – Present
Commissioner Jerry Jackson. – Present
Commissioner Roger Hall – Absent
Commissioner Scott Yarborough - Absent

Administration

Chief Brent Blackwell – Present
Assistant Chief Ryan Jones - Present
Secretary Bonnie Fulton – Absent
Accountant Ken Everham - Absent

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notices of this meeting were posted on district website, posted on public information board, & mailed to the local media or other interested parties that formally requested such copies.

Invocation was rendered and the beginning prayer was led by Lt. Jeff Duncan.

Agenda items were addressed out of order as indicated

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00p.m.**
- 2. APPROVAL TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA** - Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried.
- 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES** - item tabled until next month, as some Commissioners did not receive them.
- 4. FINANCIAL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
Mr. Everham sent financials that Commissioner Jeffcoat went over.

Chief Blackwell – distributed copies of finalized SOG's as recommended by attorney Langley, All Commissioners to get copies to review and approve next month. Still working on pricing for painting trucks and striping etc. Looking into hard top for brush truck which is hold up on paint.

There is currently \$3000 into it (not including purchase). Top could be \$4500 but that is a lot. Discussion of how much was approved for expenditures. Lengthy discussion concerning hard top and doors both hard and soft
Concerns about Chaplaincy program. Concerns about safety of our people. Example, suicide call. Will further discuss when participants can be present. We need more information from department who are actively using a Chaplain Team.
How far away is pumper? Need information for a bond. Will be addressed next meeting.
Can we broaden the bond?
Officers are looking into possible live-in firefighter. There would have to be guidelines.
Commissioner Jeffcoat has only heard about one program that was successful (Woodruff).
Commissioners have asked the Officers get more information. Mainly Cost.

5. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Backpack BBQ Fundraiser Report** - \$1768.00 being sent to church
- b. **Substation Report** – Contractors have started bidding. We have not heard anything yet about the land deed.
- c. **Brush Truck Status Report** – see Chief’s Report

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **July 4th Event** – Officers have reached out to a few food vendors. Edwards need to be asked if we can use the field. Sponsorship is being worked on. We can use recorded music. Is it still a Community Event or is it now a Festival? Can we do something like the Womanless Beauty Pageant to draw people in? Do the firefighters want to cook at lunch? Possible Tractor Show? Possible Car Show? Need BBQ vendor. If we continue to grow we will need to look at more people to manage the event. Do we want to look at using tickets to centralize the money? Recommend that we put 4-5 firefighters on schedule (paid) to be here to work the event. Commissioner Jeffcoat to supply officers with all necessary contact information needed.
- b. **2015-16 Budget Reading – First** – Chief asked they go to the last page. Commissioner Jeffcoat feels we will get approximately \$335,000, so our budget should be 90% of that. Department wants to staff with more coverage therefore, heaviest increase is in payroll \$91,000. Would like to staff 2 people daily from 8a.m – 4p.m. and one person daily from 4p.m. – 10p.m. To go to 24 hour shift it would be \$112,000. Commissioners like the idea of having someone here until 10p.m. every day. Commissioner Jackson suggested putting some money toward the bond as well. Innovapad deposits? They are running behind. Cuts and adjustments need to be made before next month.
- c. **Additional** – Lee has applied for a grant for a new digital sign for the station. It would cost roughly \$21,500 with department having to match 5% which is approximately \$1075.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. CITIZENS AGENDA

9. **ADJOURNMENT** Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22p.m.