

CHARLTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

1/29/2018 - Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Those present were: Fire Board members Kip Taylor, Orival Thompson, Lee Gowen, and Mike Harris; Fire Chief C. L. Lewis, Williard Turner, Secretary Jenifer Nobles; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Gowen led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Taylor made motion to approve agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor made motion to approve October 23, 2017 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. (Meetings for November and December, 2017 were canceled due to the holidays).

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Thompson made motion to approve financial report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

**6. ONWR, TERRI JENKINS**

Terri Jenkins, ONWR, was present and reported that the Refuge is having prescribed burns, helicopter may be used when available, water table good, and AFG grants are available with March deadline and West Mims Fire follow-up meeting needs to be scheduled.

Terri Jenkins introduced Michael Lusk, Refuge Manager in attendance.

**7. REPORTS: GA FORESTRY COMMISSION: ROGER TODD**

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry reported that Charlton County office positions are fully staffed and equipment is up and running. RFD training at airport is coming up soon.

**8. DISPATCH: CHIEF DEPUTY MARTY CREWS & LYNN JOHNSON, COMMUNICATIONS & DISPATCH**

Absent.

**9. GUESTS**

None.

**10. REPORTS:**

C. L. Lewis reported on the following:

A. West Mims Fire Update - Invoiced from other counties - \$758,121.15, Total donated \$196,347.38. FEMA reimburses 75%, GEMA 10%, and county in kind 15%.

B. Pump problems - 40, 31, and 51 - Bids received as follows:

Fire Line - \$2,945.50

Randall Brackett Fire Truck Repair - \$3010.64

Palmetto Fire Apparatus - \$3,621.45

Mr. Taylor made motion to recommend approval from the BOC for award of Fire Line for \$2,945.50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lewis reported that Contractors Meeting will be held on February 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for St. George Fire Station building renovation.

Chief Lewis asked the Board to consider recommendation to the BOC, because of the 724 emergency calls for the year 2017, to recommend waiving 48 hours of training that is required in the operational policy and approve 24 hours (that is sufficient for state requirements) in order not to disqualify current firemen, by motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded motion by Mr. Taylor; and vote of the Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson made motion to recommend to the BOC the approval of AFG grant application to purchase truck to replace 1998 fire truck and extrication equipment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson also made motion to recommend to the BOC the approval of a second AFG grant application. Motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lewis reported that Fire 1 Testing will be scheduled soon.

New Fire Board Member Mike Harris (replaced Farley Lee) entered meeting and was welcomed at 6:30 p.m.

**11. PERSONNEL REPORT: THREE (3) APPLICATIONS BEING PROCESSED**

**12. FIRE RUN REPORTS BY TYPES (ENCLOSED IN HANDOUT)**

Chief Lewis provided fire run report as follows:

2016 - 441 fire runs

2017 - 684 fire runs

2018 - 68 fire runs to date

The above report does not include West Mims Fire.

**13. CLERK REPORT**

Secretary Nobles informed the Board that new County Administrator will begin employment on Monday, February 12, 2018 and thanked the volunteers for attending meeting.

Bruce Young reported that first meeting for Disaster Relief Plan for Cities of Folkston, Homeland and Charlton County will be scheduled soon.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)**

None.

15. **NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.**

16. **ADJOURN**

Mr. Taylor made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.