

## **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008**

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, December 16, 2008, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also in attendance were Barry Stanton, Assistant County Manager; and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**To Discuss the Proposed Revisions to the Frederick County Employees' Retirement Plan – Tracy Lobuts, Human Resources Division; Mary Claire Chesshire, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor and Preston; Kate Hoffman, Mercer**

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, to consider several proposed revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan by the Retirement Committee.

Ms. Lobuts reviewed the recommended changes with the Board. Mses. Chesshire and Hoffman participated in the briefing.

Public comment was heard from John Chance.

It was noted final action would be taken on the proposed ordinance at the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

### **WORKSESSION**

**Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association's (FCVFRA) Proposed Alternative Fire/Rescue Management Structure (Continued from Tuesday, October 7, 2008) – Micky Fyock, Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association**

At the direction of the Board, the FCVFRA was requested to propose an alternative to the fire service management model recommended by the Tri Data Implementation Committee on October 7, 2008.

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The report was presented by the following FCVFRA Alternative Management Committee members, introduced by Mr. Fyock:

- Frank Davis, President, Vigilant Hose Company (Emmitsburg)
- Bob Jacobs, Past President, FCVFRA; Past President, Maryland State Fireman's Association
- Claire Ebersole, President, Brunswick Rescue and Ambulance Company
- Jim May, Chief, Urbana Volunteer Fire Department
- Randy Waesche, Member, Thurmont Ambulance Company and Guardian Hose Company
- Luke Hodgson, Manager, Fire and Rescue Services Division

Michael Chomel, Office of the County Attorney, and Gene Mellin, Fire and Rescue Services Division, commented on the report from the committee.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed the FCVFRA committee members to bring back the following in 60 days:

- Redefine the rolls and responsibilities of the FCVFRA, develop position descriptions;
- Resolve how the positions would interact or report to the FCVFRA;
- Create a timeline on how to move forward with consistent operating and safety training policies.

It was understood that several DFRS personnel would assist the FCVFRA members with the follow-up requests.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Morrow  
Recording Secretary