

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009**

Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*, reconvened a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Present Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*, Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr., Also present were Ron Hart, County Manager, and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary.

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WORKSESSION

**Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) Proposed
Alternative Fire/ Rescue Management Structure – Micky Fyock, FCVFRA**

Staff and FCVFRA members presented information to the Board regarding structure and management of the volunteer side of fire and rescue services. Among the issues presented was the need to remove the Department of Volunteer and Human Resources Services from under the Fire and Rescue Services Division (DFRS) to become independent and answer directly to the County Manager. With the Board's approval of the separation, FCVFRA members and DFRS staff would then formulate the appropriate organizational chart.

(Commissioner Jenkins left the meeting.)

Public comment was taken from:

- Ed Johnson

(Commissioner Jenkins entered the meeting.)

There was 3-2 consensus to move three (3) positions out from DFRS to report directly to the County Manager for one year as a trial, effective April 1, 2009.

The Board requested the operational committee organizational structure and the FCVFRA to establish policies that would come back before the Board at a later meeting.

The Board requested a copy of Loudon County's (Virginia) model for review.

(Commissioner Thompson left the meeting.)

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary