

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 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.

WORKSESSION

Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) Alternative Management Committee ("Committee") Proposal (Continued from March 19, 2009) – Micky Fyock, FCVFRA

Commissioner Gardner presented opening comments.

Mr. Fyock introduced the following members of the Committee:

- Frank Davis, President, Vigilant Hose Company (Emmitsburg)
- Claire Ebersole, President, Brunswick Rescue and Ambulance Company
- Jim May, Chief, Urbana Volunteer Fire Department
- Randy Waesche, Director of Carroll County Government 911

Randy Waesche and Frank Davis addressed the Board on behalf of the Committee.

Michael Chomel, Office of the County Attorney, presented legal information to the Board.

Public comment was heard from:

- Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville
- Russell Winch
- Jim Graham
- Scott Martin
- Chip Jewell

John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney, commented on the county's authority regarding operational policy.

A discussion of the operational proposal ensued.

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Commissioner Thompson made a motion for the Board to confirm the FCVFRA may establish its own committees. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion that it would be the Board's position that county employees would be neither prohibited nor required to serve as members on the committees. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

It was suggested the Board and the FCVFRA hold quarterly meetings on fire and rescue issues in order to improve communications. In addition, it was suggested the FCVFRA establish a sign off process for policies in order to keep both the volunteers and the career firefighters informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary