

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, February 1, 2011, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Blaine R. Young, *President*. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray and Kirby Delauter. Also in attendance were Barry Stanton, County Manager and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack 371.

WORKSESSION

Fire and Rescue Service Funding and Service Delivery – Tom Owens, Fire and Rescue Services Division (DFRS)

Mr. Owens reviewed his report with the Board and presented the recommendations of the Alternate Service Delivery Task Force (Task Force).

Mr. Mike Gastley, Finance Division, commented on the Task Force findings.

Public comment was heard from:

- Keith Brown, Junior Fire Company, Member of the Task Force
- Jim Graham, Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Company, Member of the Task Force
- Mickey Fyock, President, Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association
- John Neary, President, Career Fire Fighters Association of Frederick County Maryland, Inc., Local #3666, International Association of Fire Fighters
- Wayne Powell, Vigilant Hose Company, Member of the Task Force
- Chip Jewell, Libertytown Volunteer Fire Company
- Rick Himes, DFRS, Member of the Task Force

Discussion was held.

Staff was directed to consider the following options regarding the balancing the FY 2012 fire tax budget:

- Further review of the two (2) tiered system (urban and suburban);
- Single countywide rate (all pay the same);
- Splitting to the 26 taxing districts; and
- Moving the cost of fire service to the general fund.

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Staff was also requested to:

- Evaluate the fire marshal position;
- Research the Baltimore County model for fire service delivery;
- Look into the possibilities to increase the volunteer system; and
- Review from a tactical perspective, what apparatus would be needed to run the fire service.

Staff was directed to update the Board in one (1) month regarding these requests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary