

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, January 8, 2013, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Blaine Young, *President*. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve and David Gray. Also in attendance were Ms. Lori Depies, County Manager and Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary. Commissioner Kirby Delauter was absent from the meeting.

The meeting began with the invocation followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Revisions to the Frederick County Code Concerning Fire and Rescue Services – Tom Owens, Fire and Rescue Services Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on proposed revisions to the Frederick County Code concerning fire and rescue services. (The first public hearing on this same subject was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012.)

Mr. Owens presented Proposal 1 to delegate the authority of the Board over the organization and implementation of fire and rescue services in Frederick County to the chief of fire and rescue services and would further create a Fire and Rescue Advisory Council. The proposal would further clarify and codify the authority of a blended fire and rescue service to include volunteers and paid career firefighters.

Mr. Chip Jewell presented Proposal 2 that would create a Fire and Rescue Board to provide advice and the opportunity for concurrence with the decisions of a director of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services.

Public comments were received from:

- J.C. Robertson
- Rolan Clark
- Vaughn Zimmerman, Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company
- Martin Burns, Mayor, Town of Thurmont
- John Kinnaird, Commissioner, Town of Thurmont
- Ralph Whitmore, Burgess, Town of Walkersville
- Tim May
- John Neery, President, IAF Local 3666, Career Firefighter Association of Frederick County,
- George Rudy
- Kim Cable

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- Tim Ganley
- Chad Weddle, Esquire, Representing Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Company and the Town of Walkersville
- Bill Haugh, Esquire, Representing Independent Hose Company

Commissioner Gray moved to maintain the present volunteer fire and rescue association’s independent role interacting with the division of fire and rescue services; create an advisory committee as recommended in Proposal No. 2; revisit the proposal in February 2014 and make a decision at that time – Failed.

Motion to adopt Proposal No. 2 with the title of “Director of Fire and Rescue Services Division” and the rank of “Chief,” with an effective date of July 1, 2013 – Passed 3-1.

COMMISSIONERS	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
Young	X		X			
Smith		X	X			
Shreve			X			
Gray				X		
Delauter						X

(A copy of the approved/adopted ordinance can be obtained in the County Manager’s Office or from the county’s website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary