

WV STATE FIRE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
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March 19TH, 2021

CC denotes attendance by Conference Call

The official business meeting was called to order at 11:03 by Chairman Grant Gunnoe.

ROLL CALL: by Courtney Aston

Commissioners Present

Edward George CC, Grant Gunnoe, Phil Hart CC, Carl Eastham CC, Doug Estep CC, Doug Mongold CC, Jim Oldaker CC, Mark Stroop CC, Virgil White CC, Steven Byers CC and Marshal Tyree.

It should be noted that Counsel Stacy Nowicki CC is present as well.

Commissioners Absent

Dave Camp, Thomas Keefer & Ted Shriver

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Establish Emergency Rule for 103CSR7, Volunteer Fire Department Fire Service and Equipment Training Fund Grant Program

Chairman Gunnoe, Marshal Tyree and Counsel updated the Commission on the recent legislative changes that necessitated the establishment of an emergency rule.

A discussion ensued on the matter.

Marshal Tyree explained the need for the grant disbursement rule requirements to meet the same requirements as the state. The Fire Commission will now act as grantor to oversee and administer grant funds, with assistance from the Fire Marshal as needed. The Fire Commission will be responsible for establishing a committee to oversee the grant program. The committee reserves the right to award in excess of \$10,000 which was set in the original rule not the emergency rule. Marshal Tyree suggested removing the initial letter of inquiry requirement and utilize a grant application and requested consideration of disbursement for grants received before the passing of the bill.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to go into executive session at 11:14, seconded by Commissioner George. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to leave executive session at 11:33, seconded by Commissioner Mongold. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to approve rules as discussed with permission for counsel and

staff to make editorial changes including, making April 10th as the amended date for the deadline of any pending applications; and May 31st as the deadline for awarding and making disbursement of grant funds, seconded by Commissioner George. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Gunnoe asked about the outstanding issue with the Cottageville VFD and the status of the letter to be drafted and sent by Counsel Stacy Nowicki. The Fire Commission is to meet with them about revoking or resolving issues. Commissioner Gunnoe mentioned he would get with Commissioner Doug Mongold on the matter and direct the previous designated committee of Commissioners Mongold, Oldaker, George, and Marshal Tyree to meet with Cottageville VFD Board President.

Counsel Stacy Nowicki stated the letter has not yet been sent and proceeded to discuss the current bills being reviewed by legislature were discussed.

Commissioner Gunnoe ask that arrangements should be made by the committee to set up the meeting with Cottageville VFD's Board President.

Commissioner Eastham made a motion to enter executive session at 11:41, seconded by Commissioner George. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

Commissioner Mongold made a motion to leave executive session at 11:49, seconded by Commissioner George. With the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote the motion passed.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING(S):

Committee Meetings 10:00am April 15th, 2021 (tentative date and time) and Fire Commission Meeting 9:00am April 16th, 2021 in Charleston WV at the Beni Kedom Center (100 Quarrier St, Charleston WV).

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Gunnoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:52, second by Commissioner George, with all the ayes and nays having been taken on a voice vote, the motion passed.
