MINUTES
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
April 14, 2026

Present
J. Wes Wynne, Chairman
Chris Shoemaker, Vice Chairman
Ben Harris, Commissioner
David Klein, Commissioner
Curtis Williams, Citizen
Sam Thornton, Chief
Chris Edgerton, Chief
Henry DeGroot, Citizen
Absent
Scotty Bush, Chief

The Volunteer Fire Department Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Wynne at approximately 5:30 p.m. in conference room 112.

Invocation
Commissioner Harris provided the invocation.

Approval of Agenda
Motion made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Chief Thornton, to accept the March 2026 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of the Public
None

Old Business

a. Funding Ideas for VFD's
This item was tabled until an appropriate time for discussion.

New Business

a. VFD Budgets
Chairman Wynne opened the floor for discussion on recommendations for the budget for VFS's. Mr. Williams provided a sample budget and discussed replacement of equipment, engines, tankers and brush trucks.

The current budget submitted to the Finance Department for each station was requested and Chairman Wynne stated he would get a copy of those and bring back to the next meeting.

Chairman Wynne noted he would like to break the categories out between the Operating Expenses and Capital Expenses.

For the Operating budget discussion, it was agreed upon to request $154,000 for 12 stations and $92,400 for a City station that currently services a portion of the County.

Chairman Wynne then opened the discussion for the Capital Expenses.

Motion made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to suspend the rules to discuss equipment costs of radios with the Chief's in the audience. Motion passes unanimously. After discussions, Commissioner Wynne called the meeting back into session.

Discussions ensued regarding ISO rating, life cycle of equipment and replacement needs for the stations. It was noted that a request will be made for 11 Commercial Engines at approximately $750,000 each, 10 Tankers at approximately $600,000 each, 8 Brush Trucks at approximately $150,000 each, 20 sets of Turnout Gear per station at approximately $5,500 each and 15 sets of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) per station at approximately $11,500 each.

A motion made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Mr. DeGroot, to suspend the rules to hear from the Chief's regarding their experience in pricing equipment. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Wynne called the meeting back into session and discussed looking into the real numbers at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Commissioner Klein to meet again on April 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Motion passes unanimously. This discussion will finalize the recommendations being presented to the HEMS committee as well as the continuation of the current funding from the County.

Adjournment
With no more discussion, Chairman Wynne called for adjournment. Motion made by Commissioner Harris to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Williams, at approximately 7:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.