MINUTES
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
May 12, 2026

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

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 Klein provided the invocation.

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

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the April 28, 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

The committee discussed the standardized chart of accounts for the individual VFD stations at length. Chairman Wynne noted this topic will be placed on Old Business to discuss at an appropriate time.

b. Unincorporated Service Model

Chairman Wynne opened the discussions on this topic and stated the 3 Models the committee would discuss. 1) Independent Volunteer Fire Service 2) Contracted Outsourced Fire Service 3) Career County Wide Fire Service. Discussions ensued regarding the models at length.

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Williams, to exclude Private Contracted Outsourced Fire Service as an option for Sumner County. Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussions ensued regarding funding. Chairman Wynne noted that funding ideas would be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussions continued regarding the appropriate model for Sumner County. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to recommend a combination of a Municipal/Volunteer Fire System for Sumner County. Motion passed with 5 voting in favor of the motion and 1 abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Williams stated he would research further into the 5 mile radius of stations and the areas they cover.

Adjournment

With no more discussion, Chairman Wynne called for adjournment. Motion made by Mr. Williams to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Klein, at approximately 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.