MINUTES
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
August 13, 2026

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

Absent
Scotty Bush, Chief
Sam Thornton, 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. Williams, seconded by Chief Edgerton, to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept July 28, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of the Public
None

Old Business

a. Funding Ideas for VFD's

Chairman Wynne opened the discussions for Funding Ideas. Discussions ensued regarding the focus of approval for a Fire Coordinator funding and the expected timeline for the position.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to suspend the rules to talk with Chiefs present. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussions, Chairman Wynne brought the meeting back into session.

Discussions continued regarding the Fire Coordinator Action Plan Timeline – First 30 Days. A motion was made by Mr. DeGroot, seconded by Mr. Williams, Bullet point #7 would read "Identify operational gaps in staff, equipment and missed calls." Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Edgerton then motioned, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to add a disclaimer to the Action Plan to state, "The following are suggested guidelines and subject to review." Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions moved to the 31–60-day section. A motion was made by Chief Edgerton, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to strike the remainder of bullet #5. Motion passed unanimously.

Another motion was made by Mr. DeGroot, seconded by Chief Edgerton, to change the action plan path from 30-60-90 days to 60-120-180 days. Discussions ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on identifying the metrics of the position. The committee decided this topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

The discussions moved to 60-day action plan. Motion was made by Chief Edgerton, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to change "Conduct" to "Coordinate" in bullet #1. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chief Edgerton, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to clarify bullet #5 by adding "in regard to response and training." Motion passed unanimously.

In bullet #9, a motion was made by Mr. Edgerton, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to remove a comma. Motion passed unanimously.

Under the 90-day Deliverables, a motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Chairman Wynne, to strike bullet #4. Discussions ensued. Mr. Shoemaker changed his motion to remove and replace "Fire Subcommittee" with Health and Emergency Services Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion moved to the 4–6-month section. Motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to change the timeline from 4-6 and 7-12 months to 6-8 and 9-12 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Bullet #3, a motion was made by Chief Edgerton, seconded by Mr. DeGroot, to strike "and onboarding" from the priority list. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to change bullet #4 to read "Begin coordinating the pursuit of priority grants with County Fire Chiefs". Discussions ensured. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chief Edgerton, seconded by Mr. Williams, to strike bullet #7. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Edgerton the motioned to add a bullet #11 to read "Begin providing recommendations on common equipment purchases. Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee then decided that they would review the remainder of the document and continue discussions at the next meeting.

b. VFD Budgets

Chairman Wynne moved discussions to the VFD Budgets. Commissioner Klein provided his research on a few of the stations and their budget. He noted he would continue to work toward the format.

New Business

a. Purpose of proposed Fire Sub-committee

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Williams to defer this discussion to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of the Public (Non-Agenda Items)

None

Adjournment

With no more discussion, Chairman Wynne called for adjournment. Motion made by Mr. Shoemaker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Williams, at approximately 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.