MINUTES
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE
September 22, 2026

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

The Volunteer Fire Department Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Wynne at approximately 5:40 p.m. in conference room 112 with no quorum present.

Invocation
Mr. Klein provided the invocation.

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

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Klein, to approval of minutes for August 25, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the minutes for September 10, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of the Public
Chief McLaughlin was present to discuss information on behalf of the VFD Chief's. He noted they wish to continue representing themselves on the ECC Operations Committee and not turn this responsibility over to a Fire Coordinator.

Old Business
a. Funding Ideas for VFD's
Chairman Wynne opened the discussions and requested Mr. Klein to present the proposed VFD Budget Guidelines. Mr. Klein noted he has spoken with most of the VFD's and has listed the equipment discussing the equipment that has either expired or will expire soon. He stated there are a couple of stations he has not gotten information from and requested additional time to gather this information and submit once completed. A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adopt the format and include under the budget portion of the proposal to the HEMS committee. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Ad-Hoc Final Recommendation Review

Chairman Wynne opened the discussion on the proposal to finalize the submission. A motion was made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Mr. Klein, to add approximately $50,000 to the salary for benefits. Discussions continued to include vehicle and vehicle maintenance. A motion was made by Mr. DeGroot, seconded by Mr. Klein, to include the vehicle, basic office expenses and office space. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeGroot recommended adding a section above the executive summary to include the main bullet points, listing the "Recommended Commission Actions" and listing the main purpose of the position within the proposal. This will be placed in a paragraph above the Executive Summary. A motion was made by Mr. DeGroot, seconded by Mr. Klein, to add the recommended actions to the Executive Summary. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker motioned to amend the motion, seconded by Chairman Wynne, by including a separate page with bullets stating them as "immediate needs". This motion was withdrawn following discussions.

Chairman Wynne motioned to amend the motion for the first bullet to include the salary of $150,000 which includes benefits, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Williams, to add "under HEMS Committee" to the second bullet. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klein, to amend the makeup of the proposed 7-member committee to include 2 Commissioners, 2 VFD Fire Chiefs and 2 Citizens and the Fire Marshal/Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Wynne, seconded by Mr. Klein, to remove VFD Budget Guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions then held on the Fire Marshal/Coordinator applying for grants and how this position could help the stations apply for grants.

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to suspend the rules to hear from a Chief in the audience on this topic. Motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Motion passed unanimously. The Chief present stated that writing a grant is time consuming and the coordinator should help the departments by being a resource for the Chief's.

Chairman Wynne called the meeting back into session following discussions.

Discussions returned to changes regarding the proposal. A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Chairman Wynne, to correct the word "station" to "department" on page 6. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wynne made a motion to add at the end of #2 on page 9 "Taxed same as property tax". Motion seconded by Mr. Shoemaker. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. DeGroot, to change page 6, item e (SCBA and Bottles) to a life expectancy of 10-15 years. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chairman Wynne, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to add "unless requested by VFD Chiefs" to page 20. After discussion, motion failed.

Commissioner Harris made a motion to adopt the recommendations as amended, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of the Public (Non-Agenda Items)
None

Mr. Wynne thanked the committee for their time in with this committee and that no other meeting would be necessary.

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