

Minutes (Draft)  
Harris County Council of Fire Chiefs  
Meeting held Mar. 5, 2020

In Attendance

**Fire Departments**

Antioch – none

Cataula – Bill Czukur

Ellerslie – Skip Wyatt

Hamilton – Ben Hood

Hopewell – Roger Duke

Northwest Harris – Kelly Pechloff

Pine Mountain – Andy Kober

Pine Mountain Valley – Jack McClung

Shiloh – Nick Terry

Waverly Hall – Alex Lawski

**Visitors**

Becky Langston – HC Commission

Adrian Schubert – Training Officers

Greg Hammontree - VFIS

Theresa Knotts – Pine Mountain

Ritchie Grantham – Candidate HC BOC

Called to order at 1938 hours

- 3) Minutes - Minutes from Feb. 6, 2020 meeting unanimously approved.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – Roger Duke reported on issues involved with Wells Fargo. McClung will go by the bank on Friday to confirm new treasurer for Council on Fire Chiefs. Previous balance of \$18,199.91. Current balance unknown pending new treasurer report.
- 5) Greg Hammontree VFIS distributed insurance coverage information to county departments and asked chiefs/ representatives to confirm apparatus and other information. Wyatt noted that Ellerslie Depot was listed as part of Ellerslie Fire Department but should not. He reported those involved with Depot should have insurance.

Add – Czukur noted that Ritchie Grantham was in attendance as member of Cataula Fire Department and is running for seat on Harris County Board of Commissioners.

- 6A) Training - Schubert reported support class scheduled to begin Mar. 21, to be held 8:30 am to 4:30 pm over three non-consecutive Saturdays. Class is being taught by Pechloff at Northwest Harris fire station.  
VFIS Driver Training class scheduled at Cataula Fire Department, Apr. 17-18.  
Looking to retrieve old HC school bus next month. Bus to be used for extrication training.
- 6B) Training Center - Preliminary drawing of training center education building distributed for review and suggestions. Lawski to ascertain price reduction if building reduced in size from 60 feet to 50 feet. Planning visit to Tallasee to view similar education building. No vote required, met with general approval pending actual drawing.
- 6C) Communications - Czukur called for decision on utilizing Tango Tango to complement radio system. Pricing structure distributed with setup fee deleted by vendor. Council of Fire

Chiefs to fund base system. Departments to fund the \$6 per smart phone per month fee. Kober motioned to approve on one-year term and to review at that time. Czucker second. Motion approved unanimously.

- 6D) Wheels of Fire - Czukur reported Wheels of Fire II has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26.
- 6E) Fire Service Plan - McClung reported county is preparing to begin distributing funds from the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales tax allocated to the fire departments.
- 7) Old Business – Kober asked for consideration of dispatching three departments to structure fires and structure fire alarms in recognition of limited personnel being available on weekdays. After limited discussion Kober motion to approve. Second by Wyatt. Approved unanimously. Kober to notify Monty Davis and Mike Cardwell at HC 911.
- 8) New Business – Duke to make budget request for gear and equipment next month.  
Kober requested to spend \$3,227.90, freight not included, from county allotment for equipment. Pine Mountain FD to refund any overage to county. Motion to approve by Czukur, second by Wyatt. Approved unanimously.  
Pechloff requested to spend \$9,9787.74, freight not included, from county allotment for wildland gear, gloves, boots and helmets. Kober motioned to approve, second by Czukur. Approved unanimously.  
Hood requested to spend \$10,195, freight not included, for SCBAs with facepieces and cylinder clip. Hamilton FD to refund any overage to county. Wyatt motion to approve, Czukur second. Unanimous approval.
- 9) Round Robin  
Cataula – no report  
Ellerslie – Noted having fatality involving child  
Hamilton – Noted problems with septic system at fire station.  
Hopewell – no report  
Northwest Harris – no report  
Pine Mountain – Reminded those present of Mass Casualty exercise scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 21. Noted festival scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 4 in Pine Mountain  
Shiloh – no report  
Waverly Hall – no report  
Becky Langston – Reported on Unified Development Code online survey being conducted by county.