

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
Special Called Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2007
Adopted Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A special called meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2007, 6:30 PM, in the Wake County EMS Training Facility, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Suggs called the meeting to order.

The following members were present: Ms. Ann Suggs, Mr. Wayne Sherrod, Chief Tom Vaughan, Mr. Bill Gatewood, Chief Scott McCollum, Mr. Michael Fletcher, Mr. Lucius Jones, and Chief Tony Mauldin

Members absent were: Senator Vernon Malone, Chief Mark Haraway, Commissioner Paul Coble, Chief Chris Wilson, Chief Mike Cooper, Mr. Billy Myrick, Chief Scott McCollum, and Chief Rodney Privette.

Chief Vaughan gave an invocation.

SPECIAL CALLED AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF WESTERN WAKE FIRE STATION #2 REPORT

Raymond Echevarria presented a report on the application of the Fire Commission's fire station closure plan on Western Wake Fire Station #2. The report contained the following staff recommendations:

- Discontinue funding service from Western Wake Fire Station #2 (does not affect full-time employee at Station #1)
- Create "Cary Suburban Fire Insurance District"
- Contract with Town of Cary Fire Department to serve Cary Suburban Fire Insurance District
- Effective July 1, 2007

The recommendation included that the Fire Commission refer this report to the committees for consideration.

Chief Jim Bona presented Western Wake's response to the report presented. Chief Bona's report explained that it has not been shown that the station closure would not

clearly demonstrate an acceptable cost savings and would possibly result a lower level of service to some areas. Western Wake requests that a station closure not be recommended unless the criteria can be justified beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Discussion and questions from Fire Commission members followed.

A motion was made to appoint a special committee consisting of two members from the apparatus, staffing, and facility committees to research this issue. Any other Fire Commission members are welcome as well. The motion was made by Chief Vaughan and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007.