



***Lancaster County Fire Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes***

February 5, 2026

The February meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, February 5th, 2026, at the Lancaster County EOC at 111 Covenant Place at 7:00 p.m. Freedom of Information Act requirements were met by notification to The Lancaster News, The Herald, Kershaw News Era, Learn TV and Fort Mill Times. The agenda was also posted on the bulletin boards at the Lancaster County Administration Building and the EOC on Thursday, January 29th, 2025.

Vice Chairman Justin McLellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Fred Plyler gave the invocation.

Fire Commission Members:

Antioch – Eric Flynn*
Bell Town – Jamie Gainer*
Buford – Billy Morris*
Camp Creek – Toby Roberts*
Van Wyck – Mark Carnes*
Elgin – Billy Robinson*
Flat Creek – Ron Schachtner*
Gooch's – Terry Ward*
Heath Springs – Matthew Harris*
Indian Land – Greg Nicholson
Kershaw – Todd Duncan*
Lancaster – Justin McLellan*
McDonald Green – Clint Sowell – Alternate – Philip Pegram*
Rich Hill – Josh Alford*
Riverside – Chris Gardner
Shiloh-Zion – Fred Plyler*
Tradesville – Jason Laney*
Unity – Kelsi Lang*
F-1 – Darren Player
F-2 – Keith Wilson
F-3 – Britt Blackmon*
F-4 – Billy Lloyd*
F-6 – Sam Plyler
F-7 – Brian Stogner
F-9 – Tony Gainer
F-10 – Mike Magette
Administrative Assistant – Sarah Jane Goode*
* - Members Present



Visitors: None.

Approval of the February 5, 2026 Agenda: Ronald Schachtner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jason Laney seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approval of the January 8, 2025 Minutes: Josh Alford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fred Plyler seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Citizen Comments: None.

Standard Operating Guideline Committee – Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning and Governmental Operations Committee – Nothing to report.

Apparatus and Equipment Committee – Nothing to report.

Budget Planning & Appropriations Committee – Nothing to report.

Personnel and Interagency Relations Committee – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- a. Discussion concerning Fire Rescue Moving Forward – Britt Blackmon stated he spoke to Darren Player prior to the meeting. He informed Darren Player wanted to pass along Administrator Steve Willis is looking to move forward with the purchase of twenty-four trucks at \$18 million. He also informed there is nothing more to report on McDonald Green. No action taken.
- b. Discussion concerning Report for First Due – Nothing to report. No action taken.
- c. Discussion concerning Fire Reports Summary – Vice Chairman Justin McLellan stated the packet includes a list of fire reports that have not been completed by department. He asked that you please get those reports done. He also stated there are a few departments with very high numbers that need to get those completed. Billy Lloyd informed some Chief's attempt to send reports in on the day of the Fire Commission meeting in an effort to get their department numbers down. He clarified the list in the packet is printed the morning of the Fire Commission meeting to ensure all documents are ready at the scheduled meeting time. He elucidated sending reports in the morning of the Fire Commission meeting will not change your report numbers because they will not be taken into account on the list provided at the meeting. He explained Julie Kent cannot redo the number of reports during the day as the time it takes to complete reports and update numbers on her end is more extensive than you may think. Mark Carnes asked to clarify



Julie Kent has to enter the reports once she receives the report from each station. Billy Lloyd confirmed she does. No action taken.

New Business:

- a. Discussion concerning Fire Commission Budget – Britt Blackmon stated the packet includes a copy of the DAI. Everything is moving along as usual. He clarified he does know the Training, Travel, and Dues account as well as Special Projects will have a large amount coming out soon. Billy Lloyd asked those departments that have not submitted their equipment order, please do so as soon as possible. No action taken.
- b. Discussion concerning Gift Card Distribution – Britt Blackmon stated all gift card sheets have been turned in with the exception of Indian Land. No action taken.
- c. Discussion concerning Call Types – Billy Lloyd stated they are still trying to figure out why lift assist are not coming through. He clarified they have changed a few things that 911 should not see. He went on to explain the call should not say lift assist Indian Land anymore, but instead just lift assist. He also stated smoke odor calls are still showing as drug dealing. He informed they are still working on getting all of this corrected. No action taken.
- d. Discussion concerning Approval of Fire Department AFG Grants – Nothing to report. No action taken.
- e. Approval of Training Officers – Vice Chairman Justin McLellan stated packets include a list of training officers and alternates for each station. Ronald Schachtner made a motion to approve the training officers and alternates as submitted. Jason Laney seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- f. FDIC Participation Discussion – Britt Blackmon stated tomorrow, February 6th, an email will be sent out regarding FDIC. He explained members must be Fire Fighter II to participate. He went on to explain only two members will be selected and the executive committee will determine those members. He clarified level of training, years of service, and call participation is taken into consideration when selecting the two members. He stated if your membership is interested in participating, the deadline is March 5th, the next Fire Commission meeting, for members to sign up. He also stated the members chosen would be leaving on Tuesday, April 21st and returning Saturday, April 25th. No action taken.



Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Grants Update – Nothing to report.
- b. Training Report – Britt Blackmon presented the training report. If anyone has any questions, please contact the training division.

SCFA

County SCFA Catalog Courses

- January – June 2026 Lancaster County SCFA Catalog Courses are in your packet. Members can sign up for classes via the portal. Please look at cutoff dates and prerequisites.
- July – December class request by April meeting.

High School Program

- Students are now in Firefighter 1.

Rescue

Rescue Drills

- Large Truck Extrication training May timeframe

Social Media / Station History

Year End Report in packet

LZ class February 25th at 2pm and 6pm EOC by Meducare

- c. Maintenance Report – Billy Lloyd stated 801 is back in service. He stated Indian Land Engine 2 is still at Lesslie Welding getting work done to the drive shaft. He explained he gave Lesslie Welding a list of maintenance tasks already written up for the truck so they could fix those while they were working as well. He went on to state Ladder 3 is still out of service due to the damage to the waterway carriage. He has spoken with the person regarding the parts needed to fix the truck and is waiting on prices. He reminded everyone hose testing will begin with Indian Land on February 19th and 20th then move South down the line.
- d. Commissioner Station Announcements – Fred Plyler stated Shiloh Zion will have their chicken BBQ Saturday, February 11th from 11:00am – 2:00pm; takeout only. Ronald Schachtner stated Flat Creek will have their chicken and rice Saturday, February 11th from 11:00am until. Toby Roberts stated Camp Creek will have their chicken and rice February 27th and 28th. He explained February 27th will be delivery to businesses that have placed orders and February 28th will be regular. Kelsi Lang stated Unity will have their BBQ on February 21st. Philip Pegram stated McDonald Green will have their semi-annual BBQ on March 7th; eat in or take out. Josh Alford stated Rich Hill will have their BBQ on March 28th; eat in or take out.



Adjournment:

Matthew Harris made a motion to adjourn. Toby Roberts seconded the motion, which received unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

***For the Commission,
Sarah Jane Goode***