

1. The Coffey County Commissioners met in adjourned session at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2003 at the Coffey County Fire District No.1 Station #3 in Burlington. The purpose of the meeting was for the Coffey County Commissioners to meet jointly with the Coffey County Fire District #1 Board of Trustees.
2. Chairman Lyle Williams called the Coffey County Fire District No. 1 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with trustees Gary Haas, Bill Otto, Bonnie Heath, and Owen Thero. Also present were Bill Walker, Fire District Administrator, Kent Hoyt, District Treasurer, Kimberly Robrahn, District Clerk, as well as numerous volunteer firefighters. Chairman Williams welcomed everyone to the joint meeting and invited the County Commissioners to call their meeting to order.
3. Chairman Gene Merry called the adjourned meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, and Fred Rowley, Jr. present. Also present were Coffey County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer, Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers, E.M.S. Director Ed Reppert, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Becky Jewett.
4. Chairman Merry asked if there were any concerns from the Fire Board. Chairman Williams said he felt things were going well. Walker reported on the progress of the Command Vehicle. Walker said it is a joint effort between the Coffey County Fire District No. 1, the Coffey County E.M.S., the Coffey County Sheriff's Department, the Coffey County Emergency Preparedness Department, and the City of Burlington Police Department. Walker said many voluntary hours have been donated to the project.
5. The group also discussed budget issues, the possibility of a siren being installed at Jacobs Creek, the fact that approximately 45% of the fire alarm usage a year are medical emergencies & accidents, not fires, and there is no way to recoup those costs. Commissioner Rowley reported that a citizen from Jacobs Creek had contacted him regarding the addition of a siren at Fire Station #9. Rowley said he felt it should be the decision of the Fire Board. It was decided that Walker and Jewett would look into the request.
6. Merry complimented the Fire Board, volunteer firefighters, first responders, and Walker for the great job they are doing.
7. Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm., seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
8. The Coffey County Commissioners then toured the Command Vehicle.

Minutes, March 17, 2003 p.m.

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk