

UPPER HOMINY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID LIVENGOOD, CHAIRMAN
GLENN HOWELL, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN
BRIAN WARREN, SECRETARY
ELISE ISRAEL, TREASURER
ALLEN RASH
HAROLD MCCARSON
SARA HOWELL
SCOTT MCJUNKIN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

JAMES NETHERTON

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Shane Prestwood, B Shift Captain Bryan Buchanan

Meeting called to order at 19:00 hours by Chairman Livengood. Prayer was by Allen Rash.

Minutes from the June 19, 2025 meeting were read by Brian Warren, Secretary. Motion to approve, made by Glenn Howell, Jr. Harold McCarson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2025 was given by Treasurer Israel; copy attached. Motion to approve was made by Elise Israel. Scott McJunkin seconded the motion; motion passed.

Financials as of June 30, 2025 were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Information Sharing:

1. Andrea's son, Andrew: has finished his seventh round of chemotherapy. The tumor has shrunk and he is in less pain. With some radiation, they hope to shrink it more so they can remove it.
2. Solar Project: We haven't received the maintenance agreement yet and we haven't noticed a difference in the power bill yet.
3. Chief 12 has been repaired but still needs it striping put on.
4. Paging System: no start date yet; there is lots of preliminary work that needs to happen.
5. Generator gift: We got the transfer switch. The electrical contractor will come and look at it once he is done at the donating department.
6. Debris Removal: No update.
7. County Contract: We got the signed contract back from the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Statements: Andrea is here to present possible variants of our monthly financial statements. Discussion followed on what we would like to see.

Grants:

1. OSFM grant: We are still in the running for this grant. A second round of funding has opened up; every eligible fire department will receive \$50,000. If we get this grant, we would use it for the generator building at Station 2 and wildland PPE.
2. FireHouse Subs grant: We applied for this grant; if awarded we will use money to replace hose, nozzles and appliances.
3. Federal Relief Grant: No application period has been opened yet. The money is sitting in Washington and has not been allocated to the states yet. FEMA lacks the staff to process grant applications.

Buncombe County Service Contract: We got the finalized contract back from the County. They are looking at changes to the contract next year.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Most departments have a departmental Conflict of Interest policy; others have a Board document that governs everyone in the department. We will look at Board and department policies. We will also look at a Whistleblower policy as well.

Website: Bryan Buchanan has asked if the board would like a Board page on the website. The Board approved.

No further business.

The next meeting will be the Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Howell, Jr. Allen Rash seconded the motion; meeting adjourned at 20:21.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Warren, Secretary