

NC APCO MEETING
Roxboro, NC
January 9, 2004

Call to Order – Harold Oakley called the meeting to order.

Harold Oakley welcomed the group to the meeting and Johnny Lunsford; County Commissioner and Steve Carpenter; County Manager also welcomed the group.

President – Harold Oakley
1st Vice President - Craig Blackwood ABSENT
2nd Vice President – Robbie Robinson
Secretary – Susan Waddell
Treasurer – Beth Smith
Executive Council – Frank Thomason ABSENT
Region A – Franklin Jackson ABSENT
Region B – Judy Capparelli
Region C – Delbert Edwards
Region D – Wesley Reid ABSENT
Region E – Chris Ridgell ABSENT
Region F – Stephanie Wiseman ABSENT

New Members – Six present

Secretary’s Report – Motion to wave reading by Robbie Robinson, Seconded by Beth Smith, motion passed.

Treasures Report	-	Checking \$3,347.63
	-	Savings \$61,032.35
Grand Total	-	\$64,379.98

President Oakley advised that upon approval from the Better Business Bureau, that we will began using a company by the name of ProPay for the use of credit cards. This would allow an individual to use credit cards to purchase items and pay dues.

Robbie Robinson talked about the New Newsletter “PSAP News”. The first edition was in the mail. Items in the Newsletter include Meetings, letters from the Presidents, Issues, and Minutes of the last APCO and NENA meetings, a Stress Relief Corner and a lot more including pictures like the one of Jim Carr’s’ Communication Center being under water. Newsletters were sent to all members and PSAP’s. Robbie pointed out the cost factor of the newsletter. For 1,000 copies, 12 pages, is less than \$300.00 versus the old type mailing, costing \$500.00 per issue. Newsletters will go out four times a year. Cost is running around \$388.00 every four months. Vendors can purchase ads. Ads are 2 columns wide by 3 inches tall. Ads will be run four times a year for \$250.00. If we can sell ten more ads (\$2,500.00) the Newsletter would be self-supported.

Bill Campbell pointed out it might be beneficial to send a copy of the Newsletter to other places. Robbie agreed, asking that he be sent the addresses and whom to send to and he would see that they get a copy.

Harold Oakley advised that due to the weather the Nextel Representative would not be able to make it.

Rick Rasmussen from the City of Durham, past President of NC Sun, addressed the group about issues concerning Nextel. Rick advised he evidently had ruffled some feathers with the message he had send out to the NC APCO/NENA message group. He feels strongly about the issue and the effect that it would have on public safety. What Nextel is promoting is a system for Public Safety organizations that is sub standard. When confronted about their presentation they are advising its an add on. Nextel will incorporate into their system. Nextel's pitch is normally aimed at City and County managers as an alternative cost to their high price systems. These people don't know what's going on. The ones that do are not invited to the meeting. Then other people have to fight the battles over money. Nextel exaggerates on their system. It is impossible to use on the systems Public Safety agencies have today. Rick advised he had debated the issue with the Vice President at the conference in Washington D.C. Everyone needs to be aware of the issue, cause it's going to get worse before it gets better. All Nextel wants is part of the radio spectrum. Plus National APCO supports this.

BREAK for NENA meeting

President Oakley resume the meeting with the Members At Large Reports:

Region D- Franklin Jackson – Not Present

B- Judy Capparelli – Advised that their back-up center would be ready for use in about four weeks. This center would also be used for training.

C- Delbert Edwards – Wayne County moved into their new center. Should be having an open house soon

D- Wesley Reid – Not Present

E- Chris Ridgell – Not Present

F- Stephanie Wiseman – Not Present

Bill Campbell pointed out Mike Garner with BellSouth. Since BellSouth was downsizing it would be affecting a lot of people. Mike will be taking over Cheryl's job.

Tonya Pearce talked about training. NC NENA is offering Leadership and Management Symposium. Will consist of five classes, offered at a reduced rate of \$500.00 for the entire series. (One class = \$195.00, Two classes = \$295.00, Three classes = \$395.00, Four classes \$495.00)

The symposium will be held at the North Carolina Justice Academy Salemburg campus March 29th through April 2, 2004. Classes are especially good for new managers or those preparing to take the Emergency Number Professional exam. NC NENA Board will be hosting a reception for attendees on Monday night. Brochure and registration forms are available. Class times are 9:30am to 4:30 pm. Classes are Intro to 9-1-1 Technology, Intro to PSAP Technology, Disaster Planning for the PSAP, Leadership in the 9-1-1 Center and Managing the 9-1-1 Center. The Justice Academy will have free lodging. Classes are also good for points for ENP's. In February another class, "A Different, Different World" will be held in Johnston County.

Phillips Penny stated that both the APCO and NENA boards need to be careful about bashing vendors at APCO/NENA meetings. That we need to be careful what we say and how we say it because the vendors have been good to both chapters. He stated that anytime anyone is allowed to speak at either an APCO or NENA meeting it should not be done in a negative manner. Vendors are the backbone of the organizations.

Bill Hans pointed out that the next APCO/NENA meeting would be March 12th in Randolph County at the NC State Zoo.

Motion to adjourn made by Robbie Robinson and seconded by Delbert Edwards

Respectfully Submitted: Susan Waddell, Secretary
NC Chapter of APCO