

**Jerry Cook**  
President

**Butch Loper**  
Vice President

**Mark Hare**  
Commissioner

**Jack Hamilton**  
Commissioner

**Terry Jackson**  
Commissioner

# Jackson County Fire District



**Jeff Mattison II**  
Fire Marshal / Deputy Chief

## **January 13, 2017 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

Jerry Cook welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to Order. Commissioner Hare led in prayer then Commissioner Loper led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Commissioners were present: Jerry Cook, Butch Loper, Mark Hare, Terry Jackson, and Jack Hamilton.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hare seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cook acknowledged the Departments currently attending the meeting; Forts Lake/Franklin Creek Fire Department, Gulf Park Estates Fire Department, Escatawpa Fire Department, Pascagoula Fire Department, and Central Jackson County Fire Department.

Guest Speaker Wendy Samples with the American Red Cross addressed the attendees reference a Home Fire Safety Campaign; asking for the Volunteer Fire Departments participation in the campaign.

Commissioner Loper made a motion for the Fire District to back the intentions and efforts of the American Red Cross with their Home Fire Safety Campaign. Commissioner Hare seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cook opened the floor to Public Comment:  
There was no Public Comment.

Commissioner Cook called for District Reports:  
Jeff Mattison gave the Incident Report Summary for the month of December (attached). Mr. Mattison also provided the Commissioners with the Fire Prevention Report for the month of December (attached).

Commissioner Cook called for the Fire Coordinator's Report:  
Fire Coordinator, Earl Etheridge, provided an update on Fire Rebate Funding, Rural Fire Truck Grant(s), and additional Legislation.

Commissioner Cook called for Training Officer Report:  
Justin Bouler, Training Officer, provided an update on recently held and future training being offered.

Commissioner Cook called for Attorney Comments:  
Board Attorney, Ryan Frederic, was not present.

Commissioner Cook called for Department Reports:  
Michael Belton provided an update on his Department's annual maintenance of equipment.

Commissioner Cook called for Commissioner Items:  
Commissioner Hare led discussion and comment reference 2017 Legislation and the improvements with fire dispatch. Commissioner Loper is going to contact local Legislators in an effort to have them attend the next District Meeting.

Commissioner Cook called for New Business:  
There was no new business.

Commissioner Cook called for announcements:  
Commissioner Cook announced the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be February 17, 2017 at 0900 hours located at the Jackson County EOC.

Commissioner Cook called for Open Discussion  
There was no open for discussion.

Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hare seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.