

Tow and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

FCSO CID Conference Room

April 2, 2025

Staff Lead: Lance Davenport

Board Members present: Eddie Payne, Ron Stanley, Chandler Crowe (Rusty), Neil Stribling, Sgt. Frantz

Board Members not present: Aaron Conner, WPD member-vacant, FCSO member-vacant, Tow Company member-vacant

Other Attendees: Sheriff Falls, Kenneth Embrey, Hansford Conner, Michael Waggy, Justin Foster, Carter Cash, Matt Hodge, Perry Morris, Corey Neff, Brice Simmons, Kim Walkup

The meeting was called to order by Lance Davenport at 6:01 pm.

Rusty Crowe made a motion to add additional public time at end of meeting, Neil Stribling seconded, all members were in favor none opposed.

The minutes from the 4/26/23 meeting was motioned for approval by Sgt. Frantz and seconded by Rusty Crowe, all members were in favor.

Public Time- no speakers

Sheriff Falls spoke to Tow Board members and meeting attendees regarding the following items:

- no meeting in sometime
- they have been looking at contract towing went astray when county attorney stepped down, so we are going to hold with process and looking into making move next year by July 1st and doing away with Tow Board
- county attorney will have to change the ordinance with the Board of Supervisors
- wants to be open and transparent with everyone
- does not know what procurement process will look like
- this has been discussed for several years
- Sheriff's Office does a lot to manage tow board processes and feels contracts are a civil type of issue and feels best if not involved with that process
- asking for tow it is all about expedience for them and you
- knows they are trying to make a living - there are a lot of crashes out there and does not think anyone will lack

Rusty questioned if the county does will the state police. Sgt. Frantz said they will do their own thing. Davenport commented that the previous county attorney could draft a memo if State Police wants to continue the list and the same for WPD. Frantz commented that they probably would like to. Sheriff Falls commented that this is not unique to us. Neil wanted to know where this lies with the state ordinance. Sheriff Falls advised that the complaint process with contract towing will be built in through procurement. The county adopted the state ordinance and will have to change. Davenport advised they were approximately 90% finished prior to loss of county attorney and explained procurement took current ordinance and put it into contract. Rusty questioned number of towers. Lance advised it would be pretty much the way it is now that the application would be through procurement and any charge complaints will be handled through the contract. Falls said they would still have zones it just takes them out. Lance commented it would streamline us like other jurisdictions. Hodge questioned rates and Lance advised that it has not been worked out but two options: set rates or submit suggested rates. Rusty and Michael Waggy discuss Prince William's contract which is pretty much the same. Stanley wanted to know if bid was like Fairfax. It was explained each tower will have a contract with the county and areas will stay the same. Lance advised it is just changing the administration, and it is not a bid system. Sheriff advised if questions let Davenport or himself know. Sheriff Falls expressed his appreciation for them.

Lance advised the new applications May1-15.

Lance ordinance changes discussion:

Lance spoke about the ordinance regarding rotations and explained the CAD system currently has multiple tow lists. Lance advised that service and AAA are not in the ordinance and the service and AAA will be treated as owners request. Those lists will be done away with effect tomorrow morning. There was further discussion and Lance answered questions regarding those lists.

Lance also went over a couple of ordinance sections for clarification and there was discussion:

-13.68 Section E- Additional Equipment – if light duty can't get it unless Heavy Duty called is registered in the county, they can't use them -if law enforcement officer says do what you got to do than it overrides that section. There was further discussion regarding if the main truck on scene is approved, they should be able to use whatever. Lance feels that if it is case by case and if law enforcement officer is fine with it there are provisions. Ron Stanley questioned the discussion regarding a call for one company and a different company's equipment coming. There was also discussion about if not on heavy list can a rotator be approved. Lance specified that he has thought about it prior. Davenport will have to run by the Sheriff to see if he can put a sticker on it but in mean time keep doing what you are doing. Lance just does not want to get into the habit of a just because you can situation.

-13.68 Section N- Clean up fees- if you do charge make sure it is documented and itemized

-Compensation on towing and storage- there is no charge for mileage in the zone but second leave area you can, 13.72 Section D- storage charge within 24 hours you can't charge more than one day.

Neil Stribling asked about the 3rd Heavy Duty. Lance advised they took to the Sheriff who did not want to make recommendations at the time.

Lance discussed vacant board positions. There is one tow spot and two law enforcement spots.

Rusty asked the process when want to make change. Davenport advised the route from Tracy was from the Tow Board to the Sheriff and if Sheriff was okay with, she would prepare for the Board.

Rusty curious not going by policy. Lance informed it has to go to the county attorney for whatever process the Board of Supervisors has and now they have a temporary county attorney.

Sgt Frantz thanked them for the hard work they do.

Lance has had some complaints he looked into.

Matt Hodge is concerned about northern bridges they can't cross and sometimes doesn't get all the information. Lance will relay at division meeting.

Lance ended work session

Public Time reopened.

Justin Foster questioned if there will be more openings for Heavy Duty wreckers when going to contract. Lance advised that the 90% document had listed as two said he thinks it would be procurements call.

There was a question about whether there will be more light duty. Lance advised as written every area is full.

Justin Foster spoke to Tow Board about documents from his dad from back from Tony Troilo dated ones Jan 11, 2012 and Bob Northern was Captain of State Police. He said Troilo had a statement from him that cap zone is not legal for ordinance. He also had a trooper from Williamsburg tell him the same thing because Virginia is a right to work state you can't cap. Justin advised that in that meeting Tony said there should be nothing stopping you if you pass the requirements. Justin spoke to Tony and is going to try to find it. Justin also said that Prince William bases their need for wrecker as a need for service. Michael Waggy explained Prince William towers and there was more discussion. Neil explained back in Billy's day someone mentioned a cap and it is a need for service.

Justin Foster also brought the available 24 hours per day and explained what Road Runner did. He talked to Tony about this and if available 24 hours per day you need to have manpower. Justin feels the one-man tow show is not legal because of Motor Carrier and code sections. Justin feels tardiness is turning down. Lance expressed that he sees tardiness as not being on time. Justin also explained the way Loudon County handles turning down. Michael Waggy discussed what Prince William does. Neil spoke about a call he had. Lance commented there was a discussion of setting percentage of calls. There was further discussion on this topic.

Lance ended work session and second public time.

Lance discussed the next meeting timeframe.

Michael Waggy questioned if contract towing effective 2025-2026. Davenport said it can be done at any time. Lance advised that procurement reached out other jurisdictions were told to stand by.

Next meeting August 6th Fauquier County Sheriff's Office CID Meeting Room 6:00 pm.

Matt Hodge brought up 13.74 tardiness and there was more discussion about this and complaints.

Lance will check into vacant tower and the vacant Law enforcement spots

Stribling motioned to close meeting, Rusty seconded, all members in favor.