



**Oak Grove Fire/Public Safety Committee
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Oak Grove Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session of the Oak Grove Fire/Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairperson John Campbell at 6:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove Council Chambers at 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Chairperson/Committee Member John Campbell
- Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer
- Committee Member Edward Cook

Also present were LT. Jeff Locklear, Fire Chief Bill Johnson, Deputy Fire Chief Dex, and City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher. Approximately zero members of the public were in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES-FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Motion: Committee Member Edward Cook moved to approve the minutes

Second: Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice vote

Results: Motion passed

AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of I-24 Traffic
The committee discussed potential routes for Police and Fire services during periods of congestion. They also addressed the construction project for Pembroke Rd and I24 and its anticipated impact on emergency response times.
- Discussion of Fire Hydrants – Painting Contest
The committee discussed the idea of allowing residents to participate in a fire hydrant painting contest. Fire Chief Johnson expressed concerns regarding safety and the potential for damage to city property, noting that such activities could lead to vandalism and create safety risks.
- Discussion of 2026 Budget and Capital Outlay/ Discussion of FY 2027 Budget and Capital Outlay Projections

Committee discussed with the Fire and Police Departments their current budget status. The Fire Department reported being over budget due to maintenance and repair expenses. Lt. Locklear advised that additional details would need to come from Chief Lynch. The committee also discussed capital outlay needs for each department and reviewed their respective wish lists.

- Grant Status Updates

The committee met with each department to discuss grant opportunities. Both departments discussed potential grants they may pursue, as well as those for which they have already submitted applications for.

- Rescue Boat Status Update

The committee requested that the Fire Chief research other departments regarding the potential future purchase of a boat.

- Equipment Status Update

The Fire Department reported on the status of its vehicles, noting that all critical equipment is operational. The department also advised that state training certification fees are increasing. Chief Johnson expressed the need to consider a combination department, noting the increasing difficulty in relying on volunteer response, particularly as call volume continues. The Police Department provided an update on its vehicles, indicating that their status is good. Additional updates were given on tasers, radios, and computers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committee Member Edward Cook moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Vice Chairperson/Committee Member Isaiah Spencer

Vote: Voice

Results: Motion passed

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson/Committee Member John Campbell

DATE

ATTEST:

City Clerk Lorelynn Fisher, MMC, CKMC

DATE