

Titus County Commissioners Court Meeting Monday, July 12, 2019:
Request from Cookville Volunteer Fire Dept.

Return Brush Truck 51 to service for the Cookville Volunteer Fire Department

Background: Cookville VFD loaned Brush Truck 51 to the new Argo VFD in a handshake agreement, until Argo receives its new \$35,000 truck from the county. At this time, Cookville needs BT51 back because its other trucks are down for service and BT51 is needed to protect our community. Mike Logan, chief of the Argo VFD, says the truck will not be returned to Cookville because he has made an agreement with the commissioners to give the truck to the county. Mike thinks he has no choice. We are here today to ask the commissioners to give Mike Logan the authority to transfer the truck back to Cookville.

Additional Background: The Cookville VFD continues to support the Argo VFD in its successful transition from a substation of Cookville to its own stand-alone fire department. This support has been evidenced in the funding and manpower supplied by Cookville in the construction of the Argo station (\$48,889 itemized) and the gifts of substantial fire protection equipment plus three trucks to the new station:

- Engine 50,
 - Tanker 56 and
 - Brush Truck 53.
- ***Brush Truck 51, on the other hand, was loaned, not given.***

At this time, Cookville needs BT51 returned in order to protect our community.