Fire and EMS Oversight Committee
County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA
04/09/12
5:30pm

Members Present:

Ernie Doss
Tim Estes
Nadine Culberson
Dulcie Mumpower
Phillip McCall
Pokey Harris
Kevin Leonard
Scotty Gregory
Theresa Kingsley

Others Present:

Jarren Strong

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Call to Order	Vice Chairman Doss called meeting to order at 5:34PM	
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Scyphers unable to attend. Secretary Woods unable to attend. Estes appointed Secretary Pro-Tem	
Approval of previous minutes	Minutes were distributed. Motion by Leonard, seconded by Gregory to accept as presented with corrections. Motion carried 8-0	

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Old Business	Discussion on purchase of tanker for Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department (GKFD). Question presented by Gregory on concern of some fire service members, why did GKFD not buy a tanker during their last rotation (2003)? At that time GKFD purchased what was identified the most pressing need. Also Gregory presented this question by fire service members - can we just leave the truck rotation as it is with minor tweaks? Harris – the truck rotation needs to change to be based on needs of the department rather than whose turn it is in the rotation. Gregory, Doss and Estes concurred. Culberson – we need to settle on the GKFD tanker issue and then work through the summer and fall to establish a truck replacement plan for Fire and EMS. McCall - maybe we should look at developing a fund to build fire apparatus capital outlay fund for fire and EMS purchases. Culbertson – we could use the Fire/EMS based committee members to evaluate the trucks. Use their expertise. Question was asked about the committee and its purpose. Harris – the committee is here to help long term fire /EMS issues. McCall – we should also look at other funding issues, i.e. rescue equipment, gators, buildings Harris – we should look at centralized purchasing for fuel. Discussion followed about bulk purchasing, using tanks at stations, and Voyager cards. Harris to bring back information on Voyager cards at the next meeting. Committee moved from meeting room to outside to look at GKFD tanker. Committee returned to meeting room. Leonard brought up fire and EMS training. In particular the expense of EMS recertification classes.	

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	Harris stated that the money ($15000.00) that was budgeted to Washington County Fireman's Association has been moved from their budget to Emergency Management's budget and could be used for training based on needs. Departments should look at minimum training levels for membership (i.e. Firefighter I); do this on a department level. Motion by Gregory seconded by Culberson , to recommend to the County Board of Supervisors to purchase a tanker for Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department with a maximum purchase price of $250,000.00. Truck to be dual titled (Washington County and Goodson Kinderhook). Motion carried 7-0-1 Leonard abstaining as member of GKFD. This recommendation to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the April 24th meeting. Following County procurement procedures with RFP regarding purchasing of said tanker was discussed. There was discussion regarding dual titling of apparatus with regards to the County and the Towns. Culberson stated this could be worked out with a discussion from County Administration and Town leadership. Motion by Estes, seconded by Gregory to change the name of the committee from the Emergency Services Committee to the Fire and EMS Oversight committee. Discussion as to why the change; would move the Emergency Service Committee back to their original focus, Emergency Management and would fall in to line with recommendation from Virginia Fire Service Board Fire-EMS study. Motion carried, 8-0 Board of Supervisor's meeting April 24, 2012 at 6:30PM. Members requested to be there no later than 6:15PM.	

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	WCFA meeting discussed. May 15, 2012 7:00PM at the Public Safety Building. It was requested that the Fire-EMS Oversight Committee be present. It was requested that this be a joint meeting of the Fire-EMS Oversight Committee, WCFA and EVA. Harris to check and see if this is feasible. Ad-hoc committees were discussed – i.e. training, recruitment & retention. Will be discussed further at a later meeting.	
Next Meeting & Work Session	The next meeting will be held May 21, 2012 at the Washington Co Administrative Building at 5:30 pm.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:

Gregory L. Woods

Gregory Woods, Secretary

April 10, 2012