

Fire and EMS Oversight Committee
 Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA
 1/13/2014
 5:45 pm

Members Present:
 Jason Berry
 Tim Estes
 Pokey Harris
 Mike Mason
 Philip McCall
 John McCormick
 Randy Pennington
 Dwayne Stanley
 Greg Woods

Others Present:
 Travis Culllop
 Randy Grubb
 Mike Prideamore
 Mark Venable
 Mike White

Members Absent:

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by John McCormick.	
Welcome & Introductions	A quorum was present for conduct of business. Introductions were held due to the attendance of new members and guests.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	A motion was made by Mike Mason and seconded by Tim Estes to approve the meeting minutes with the correction of the funding amounts. The motion carried.	
General Discussion	<p>Mike White discussed Brumley Gap's funding request. Due to the time frame of receiving unit 201, the agency wishes to modify their request to 1) replace their 9-speed transmission to an automatic transmission (at \$30,000 cost) and 2) request a new truck at a cost of \$300,000. This would replace units 182 and 183. A motion was made by Estes and seconded by Philip McCall to allocate money to retrofit unit 181—up to \$40,000. The motion carried.</p> <p>McCormick noted that they would sell 201 instead and use funds for the downpayment or lease. With that change, it leaves \$235,000 for FY2015. The Committee reviewed Vehicle Apparatus Assessment scores and other vehicle requests from Clinch Mountain Fire Department, Brumley Gap Fire Department, and Meadowview Fire Department. Mike White asked if the funding request amount had been capped at \$300,000. Pokey Harris noted that no cap has been established. Discussion was held regarding the tentative allocation of funds based on current requests. Harris noted that 4-for-life funds and Aid to Locality funds can be used for the purchase of apparatus.</p>	

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	<p>Gregory Woods made a motion to fund Brumley Gap's new apparatus request with a stipulation that the previously-approved allocation of \$40,000 for transmission replacement be rescinded. Tim Estes seconded the motion. The motion carried. This leaves \$110,000 in FY2015 allocations and \$135,000 in FY2016</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding alternate sources of revenue for fire departments. It is possible to explore a tax for fire services. Estes noted that it is probably time to redo the Apparatus Assessment.</p> <p>Tim Estes made a motion to allocate \$110,000 to Meadowview Fire Department in FY2015 with an additional \$85,000 allocated to them in FY2016 and \$50,000 to Clinch Mountain Fire Department in FY2016. The motion was seconded by Dwayne Stanley. The motion carried.</p> <p>Tim Estes discussed the fact that on the Board of Supervisors agenda, it flips the name of the committee. Jason Berry discussed expanding the scope of the committee. Harris read a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that would combine the Emergency Services Committee and the Fire and EMS Oversight Committee. This would allow the committee to look at replenishment of equipment and apparatus.</p> <p>Tim Estes made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they follow Harris's consolidation recommendation. Randy Pennington seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>Randy Pennington said that he hopes to see the County follow this pattern and look into consolidation of services. Harris noted that Mike Starr plans to attend the next meeting to discuss the fuel card. Mike Mason thanked the committee for their funding request approval.</p>	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be February 10 at 5:45 p.m. at the Administration building.	
Adjournment	There being no further business, a motion was made by Mason and seconded by Pennington to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:


 Gregory Woods

03/10/14

DATE OF APPROVAL