

Fire and EMS Oversight Committee
Washington County Administration Building, Abingdon, VA
10/21/2013
5:30pm

Members Present:

Joey Burke
 Nadine Culberson
 Tim Estes
 Pokey Harris
 Mike Mason
 Philip McCall
 Greg Woods

Others Present:

Jason Berry
 Randy Grubb
 Dwayne Stanley
 Joe Wilson

Members Absent:

Bill Clark
 Randy Pennington
 Britt White

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Joey Burke.	
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	Approval of the minutes was moved to the end of the agenda.	
General Discussion	<p>A letter was distributed to the committee from Washington County Lifesaving Crew regarding Ambulance Replacement.</p> <p>Harris read letter of request for a pumper from Clinch Mt. Volunteer Fire Department requesting to replace unit 174. Estes asked for more info on the type of vehicle being requested. Chief Joe Wilson noted that he should be able to get a quote within the next two weeks.</p> <p>Harris indicated that the budget cycle will coming up in the near future. Recommendation from the committee will probably need to be completed by Dec. 31, 2013,</p> <p>WCLSC has applied for an RSAF grant for matching funds for their ambulance. Culberson asked if the Council could provide some support for the grant request. Woods noted that it will go out from the Council committee with a good score. Harris indicated that the request was the next item to be funded last cycle when funds ran out.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:

Gregory Woods
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DATE OF APPROVAL

12/9/13

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	<p>Estes made a motion to approve \$83,000 from FY14 leftover contingent on RSAF funding. The motion carried with Mike Mason abstaining.</p> <p>Estes noted that we should have \$227,000 for FY16. Pokey noted that Nadine will be retiring in December. Culberson expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and their collaboration.</p> <p>Jason Berry, the County's new administrator, was introduced to the committee. Burke asked if there were any comments from Dwayne or Joe.</p> <p>Estes asked if the committee scope should be expanded to include bulk purchasing. This would require Board action. Perhaps this discussion can happen at the next meeting. Culberson noted that some issue/concern has been raised regarding the particulars of how it would work out. She feels it might be good to expand the scope and allow the committee to work out the details. Harris suggested selecting a couple of specific items and go from there. Estes suggested that a needs assessment would be needed. Joey Burke noted that five sets of turnout gear, for example, cost \$12,000. Culberson discussed the need to incentivize bulk purchasing as with vehicles (money is paid up front, faster, etc.).</p> <p>McCall asked about the Fuel program for Green Spring. Harris noted that they were not able to work out a fuel card program, so they are in the process of installing tanks. McCall emphasized the current Board's interest in keeping the apparatus money as is and indicated that he hopes the future Board will take the same stand.</p> <p>Woods read minutes. A motion was made by Tim Estes and was seconded by Phillip McCall to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed.</p>	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be December 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration building.	
Adjournment	There being no further business, a motion was made by McCall and seconded by Culberson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.	

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Mike Mason,
P.O. Box 65
Abingdon, VA 24212
June 19, 2013

Pokey Harris
Director of Emergency Management
Washington County
20281 Rustic Lane
Abingdon, VA 24210

Dear Mrs. Harris and Members of the Fire and EMS Oversight Committee:

Please accept this letter as a request for emergency funding for the purchase of a new ambulance for Washington County Life Saving Crew, Inc. As I am writing this letter, I currently have two ambulances out of service due to repairs.

Unit 57 will have to have the rear-end replaced in it and is awaiting the nearest Ford Dealership to get time to order and install it. We are looking at an approximate \$5000 repair bill for this unit. Recently, the drive belt, idler pulley and cooling system had to be replaced in the unit. Just before that, the multi-port fuel injection system had to have repairs to it. There were numerous more repairs to the ambulance before this. It currently has 81,111 miles on it, which is considered too much for today's standards in the EMS community for an ambulance prioritized to run emergency calls. I do have records for the repairs if needed. A remount cannot be considered on this unit because the box has already been remounted too many times. I intend on bringing this ambulance for the committee to inspect during the next meeting.

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Unit 59 is currently at a local repair shop blowing out black smoke when running. The turbo has been replaced in it but that repair did not fix the problem. The mechanic currently is not able to determine what the problem with the truck is. This unit has the notorious 6.0 liter diesel in it that has continued to haunt Ford Motor Company for several years. This truck is continuously in the shop needing numerous repairs. It has gone through two starters in the last 4 months. The exterior door latches are all bad on the box. The EGR valve has had to be replaced in the motor which was a \$1041 repair. The fuel injectors have had to be replaced. There are also numerous other mechanical issues with this unit over the past year. It is estimated that this truck has been down for maintenance fifty percent of its life with the crew. We initially planned on replacing this truck with our last ambulance purchase but decided we would have to keep it because unit 55 was worn out completely and would take precedence on replacement. I cannot give you the exact mileage for this unit because it is in the shop but it has approximately 65000 miles on it. I have records to collaborate these issues.

The mechanical issues and age of these trucks along with the new Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols have prompted us to realize that another new ambulance is imperative for our organization. Due to EMD, we have increased in our call volume by twenty percent. We are having to answer calls for ALS assistance from Green Cove to Mendota and everywhere in between. We think the EMD program is a great thing for Washington County but we also realize it is going to have a greater demand on our vehicles which in turn will increase the rate we need to replace them. We originally thought we could get another year or more from these ambulances but it does not appear this is possible.

Our last unit cost us \$166,000. It appears this unit is going to be dependable as we have not had to have any repairs made on it since its purchase and will last for some time. It is an Osage ambulance. We are also trying to get all of our units purchased from the same manufacturer to make it easier and more cost efficient when ordering parts and service for them.

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For the reasons listed above, we are requesting Washington County to consider emergency funding Washington County Life Saving Crew, Inc. \$166,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance. We also understand that Washington County is requiring dual titlement on all new purchases and have no problems with that requirement. Any considerations for this request from yourself and the Oversight Committee would be greatly appreciated.

Captain:

Mike Mason

Sincerely,



Mike Mason, Captain

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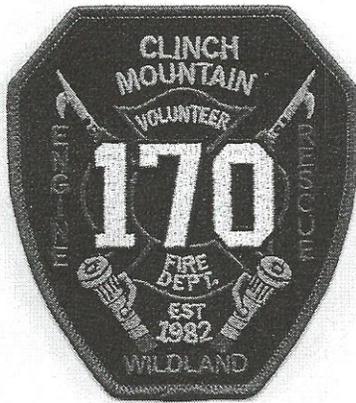
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Clinch Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
7350 Fire Department Rd
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*Unit
#174*

Mrs. Pokie Harris,

We are writing in regard of replacing a piece of apparatus for the Clinch Mountain Fire Department. We currently have a 1987 pumper/tanker in service which is in much need of being replaced. With the expanding responsibilities in the fire service there comes the need to carry more equipment on each piece of apparatus. We would like to replace our current engine with a Rescue Pumper. This would allow for larger compartment space and the availability to carry our needed equipment. Due to lack of space, at this time we are only able to store minimum amounts of equipment on each unit which causes the department to respond with several units in order to ensure we have the equipment that may be needed. Also, currently, we have to store our specialty equipment in the fire station bays. This is an inconvenience for the department and our members. At this time, we are requesting to replace our old and outdated engine for a Rescue Pumper for the convenience of having more storage and the availability to store all needed specialty equipment on one apparatus.

We have assigned a truck committee consisting of Officers and Firefighters to further detail our request when the time arises. We would appreciate your understanding of our request and will look forward to working with you.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Members of the Clinch Mountain Volunteer Fire Department