

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Carroll County Emergency Services Committee met on December 11, 2008.

Present were: Joe Roma, Rick Moser, Andy Jackson, Gary Larrowe, J.B. Tolbert, Mike Musser, Markel Cochran, Debby Goad, Horace Leonard, Lisa Ousley, Ronald Newman.

The Committee went on a tour of Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department and Carroll EMS.

HILLSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

The Committee reviewed the Town letter and the rescue squad roster and they discussed the advantages and disadvantages of another squad along with the liability and the budget issues. The Committee discussed meeting with a delegation representing the squad and also discussed not going forward based on information supplied by Hillsville unless more concrete evidence was provided. The Committee also discussed requesting Hillsville assist with the funding of EMS and they used the Fire Department as an example.

Upon motion by Market Cochran, seconded by Lisa Ousley and passed, the Committee agreed that there is no need for Hillsville Rescue at this point.

LAUREL RESCUE VEHICLE REQUEST

Upon motion by Mike Musser, seconded by J.B. Tolbert and passed, the Committee approved the Laurel Rescue vehicle request.

GUIDELINES FOR RESCUE SQUADS

The guidelines were presented and will be discussed at a later meeting.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID

Joe Roma told that Medicare/Medicaid overpaid every agency in the State. He told that Carroll County was overpaid by \$50,000. He told that this is being reviewed to determine how much each squad is to pay back. The Committee discussed having someone from Diversified to come to the Committee meeting and also discussed the need to do a follow up on collections. The Committee discussed auditing funds received from the insurance billing and suggested establishing unity in bookkeeping.

HILLSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Upon motion by Markel Cochran, seconded by J.B. Tolbert, and passed, the Committee recommended purchasing a demonstrator ladder truck and to have joint ownership with Hillsville on the truck.

The Committee adjourned until January 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.