

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

The Carroll County Emergency Services Board met on August 20, 2009.

Present were: Lola Sutphin, Markel Cochran, Mike Musser, Andy Jackson, Joe Roma, Gary Larrowe, J. B. Tolbert, Nikki Shank.

With the Chair not present, Mike Musser acted as Chair.

Mr. Musser asked if anyone had any questions on the minutes in the packet and asked for additions or corrections.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J.B. Tolbert made a motion, seconded by Markel Cochran to approve the minutes as submitted.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Cochran asked about a letter to the Attorney regarding the HIPPA Audit.

Mr. Roma responded that the County can not let anyone outside of designated County Employees review the records.

Mr. Larrowe told the Board that due to the staff termination that things have fallen through the cracks and told that we need to recover.

Ms. Shank gave an update on DAB Billing and the visit to Surry County.

BILLING POSITION

Mr. Larrowe told that a recommendation from the Emergency Services Board needed to go to the Board of Supervisors for an appropriation and hiring of staff for billing purposes. He told that they need to be trained and be capable.

(Order)

INTERNAL BILLING POSITION

J.B. Tolbert made a motion, seconded by Markel Cochran, to ask the Board of Supervisors to create a position and to support the associated funding to do internal billing.

Mr. Larrowe told that this would be an agenda item during the September meeting.

FIRE SERVICE FEES

Mr. Larrowe told that the County has had an insurance agent to request that the County bill for fire services to recover some costs. He told that this would be soft billing and that the Board of Supervisors would be holding a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance. The only concern that has been heard is regarding how much the insurance would go up if this was used. Mr. Larrowe told that he has contacted Kim Dowdy with Jackson Insurance and she has told him that this is usually covered in the policy. She also explained that it is like comprehensive insurance and it does not affect the premiums. He told that the County would soft bill this like is done for EMS.

Mr. Musser told that he met with his membership on Tuesday and they don't want the Fire Department Association to go with hard billing. He told that he had been voted to attend the Board Meeting to oppose the Fire Service Fee. He told that the categories can be changed as to what type of fire it is.

(Order)

SUPPORT FIRE SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE

Mr. Cochran made a motion, seconded by J.B. Tolbert, to support the Fire Service Fee Ordinance.

VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS

J.B. Tolbert told that the County needed to have a Trade-In Disposition of Equipment Policy that must have a bidding process. He told that the Pipers Gap truck will be ready in December. He asked if he could go ahead and get the information to Libby.

Mr. Larrowe told that this would have to wait until the Board of Supervisors approves it. He told that the department will title the vehicle in County's name.

(Order)

APPROVE PIPERS GAP VEHICLE PURCHASE

Lola Sutphin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to approve the purchase of a truck by Pipers Gap upon proper procurement. J. B. Tolbert abstained.

Richard Sowers explained that the truck engine has been down 3 times. He told that it has to be brought up to NAPA standards and Cana VFD would like \$279,000 from the County to purchase a new one.

Sam Simmons stated that the only other one to get to a fire is a 1984. He told that Cana has 4 stations and 3 pumpers.

Mr. Larrowe asked Mr. Roma where there was not a Class A located.

Mr. Roma replied no where. He told that the 79, 80 and 88 are not classified for ISO ratings. He told that this is a tough situation for everyone and it gives credence to the fire fees.

Sam Simmons told that if they order in September they would have the truck by March and that they have put in an application to Rural Development for \$50,000.

Mr. Larrowe calculated the payment at \$20,000 a year for 20 years at 5% interest.

Mr. Cochran asked who paid for Laurel Fork and Hillsville trucks.

Mr. Musser replied that it was a combination of the County and the department.

Mr. Larrowe told that some of the Board members are not keen on using fire funds on equipment.

Sam Simmons told that they need the fire funds to buy the equipment because their County allowance doesn't cover it.

Mr. Cochran made a suggestion that Cana be on the agenda before the Fire Service Fee Public Hearing.

(Order)

SUPPORT CANA FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE

J.B. Tolbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cochran, to support Cana to purchase a truck to replace the two trucks in service.

(Order)

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1, A4, A7)

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sutphin, and passed, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of specific personnel, the discussion of a personal matter not related to County business, and the discussion of legal matters.

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sutphin, and passed, the Board returned to Open Session and adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Emergency Services Board convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Emergency Services Board that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Emergency Services Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or

considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business brought forth, the meeting was adjourned until September 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.