

Fire and Rescue Commission
Minutes for January 28, 2020

1.) Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bryan Fox, Chairman.

2.) Roll Call

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chuck Angier	X	
Tim Duffer		X
Bryan Fox	X	
Brian Garrett		X
Ben Meeks	X	
Ron Scearce	X	
Keith Scruggs	X	
Bert Sellers	X	
Billy Talbott		X

Staff members present: Chris Slemm, David Smitherman, Vaden Hunt and Michael Lee

Association Representative: Dean Fowler

3.) Additions or Revisions to the agenda: None

4.) Approval of the agenda: Chuck Angier made motion to approve the agenda with a second from Ron Scearce; motion passed.

5.) Approval of previous meeting minutes: Scearce made motion to approve the minutes from January 7, 2020, meeting with a second from Chuck Angier; motion passed.

6.) Presentations: none

7.) Fire and Rescue Association report:

Dean Fowler advised the Fire and Rescue Association hasn't met since Commission started. Association would like to have a representative from the Commission be present at their meeting. Bryan Fox and Ben Meeks will both try and attend this month's meeting. Dean asked that to please keep the transparency of the Commission.

8.) Other Fire and EMS agency reports: none

9.) County staff reports

a.) FY21 budget request highlights; Chris Slempp gave an overview of the FY21 requested budget.

b.) Hurt Ambulance; Chris Slempp informed the Commission that the County received a RSAF grant to fund 80% of an ambulance for the Hurt area. The ambulance will be used by the DRT staff and save the county approximately \$3600 a month for renting a DRT ambulance.

c.) Insurance coverage; Chris Slempp advised the Commission the county would soon be rebidding the County's fire and rescue insurance coverage.

10.) Unfinished business

a.) Commission Vision and Mission Statements

Motion by Ben Meeks with a second from Chuck Angier to adopt the vision statement as written. The motion passed.

Vision statement

The Pittsylvania County Fire and Rescue Commission envisions an emergency services system that provides a high degree of excellence through the use of volunteers and staff who demonstrate a great degree of professionalism and sincere care to the citizens of Pittsylvania County.

The mission statement was discussed and minor change recommended. Motion by Bert Sellers with a second from Ben Meeks to adopt the Mission Statement drafted with the minor change; motion passed.

Mission statement

It is the mission of the Pittsylvania County Fire and Rescue Commission to continually improve and seek excellence in fire and rescue services through a "one team and system" approach encompassing the Board of Supervisors, the Commission, County Staff and the County's volunteer fire and rescue agencies that meet the needs of the County's citizens while remaining cost efficient.

11.) New Business

a.) 2020 Discussion of Priorities; due to time this was tabled

12.) Other matters from commissioners

Ben Meeks discussed he'd like to see us revisit the funding to departments and accountability. As well as more joint training among departments.

Bert Sellers brought the under-performing agencies and how we address them in the future. Bryan Fox stated that we will have to deal with them soon. Mr. Sellers said it should be our #1 priority. He requested this information every month. He also thanked the other chiefs in attendance.

Ron Scarce told the Commission that the Board of Supervisor approved a \$150 stipend for each member. \$150 per month that the commission meets but you must attend the meeting to get the funds.

Chuck Angier apologized for not having seen the study. He has also reached out to Cool Branch and Climax and will attend their meetings.

Keith Scruggs reminded everyone that our main objective is to meet the needs of the citizens. We have some tough decisions ahead but the citizens come first.

Bryan Fox stated we need to maintain transparency. We need to make sure the volunteer agencies know why we are here. He encouraged everyone to meet with their respective departments and see what their needs are. He also recognized the other chiefs in attendance. He also reminded them they can come to any meetings when they wish.

13.) Adjournment motion by Bert Seller and second from Ben Meeks; motion passed.

Next meeting is February 25th at 6:30 pm