

Fire and Rescue Commission
Minutes of April 10, 2020, Called Meeting
Chatham Community Center
115 South Main St, Chatham, VA 24531

1.) Call to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bryan Fox, Chairman

2.) Roll Call

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

Staff members present: Chris Slem, Michael Lee, David Smitherman

Association Representative: Dean Fowler

3.) Additions or Revisions to the agenda: Motion by Brian Garrett and 2nd from Tim Duffer to approve agenda. Motion passed.

5.) Approval of previous meeting from February 25, 2020: Motion by Keith Scruggs and 2nd by Brian Garrett. Motion passed.

6.) Closed Session: Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Legal Authority VA Code 2.2-3711(a)(8); Subject: Contract EMS Providers; Purpose: Consultation with legal counsel regarding performance issues. Motion by Ron Searce and 2nd by Brian Garrett to go into closed session. Motion passed.

7.) Return to open session and roll call vote. Motion by Tim Duffer to come out of closed session with 2nd from Brian Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

8.) Matters from Closed Session: Motion from Brian Garrett to accept the resolution with 2nd from Ron Searce to pass the Fire and Rescue Resolution #2020-04-01. The motion pass unanimously.

9.) New Business

Franklin County's support of Cool Branch Fire Department – Pittsylvania County has been attempting to get Franklin County to assist with the purchase of a fire apparatus for the department. Franklin County is not willing to support this request. The amount of protected property in Franklin is much larger than the protected property on the Pittsylvania. Approximately 50% of Cool Branch Fire Department calls are in Franklin County. A second letter of response is being proposed by Chairman Warren to Franklin County that was passed out and discussed. Suggestions were given to Mr. Smitherman regarding other items that should be added in the letter.

10.) Other matters from Commission members

Ron Searce thanked all the volunteers have put forth during the COVID-19.

Dean Fowler echoed Mr. Searce's comments.

Ben Meeks brought up the fact we need still need to go back and look at how we do the block funding and re-think that now. Brian Garrett suggested departments still need to be mindful of their fuel usage and utilities.

Bryan Fox thanked everyone for their work and appreciated their input and working together.

11.) Adjournment motion by Bryan Garrett with 2nd from Tim Duffer to adjourn.