

March 22, 2022
Regular Meeting

**Pittsylvania County Fire and Rescue Commission
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VIRGINIA: The Regular Meeting of the Pittsylvania County Fire and Rescue Commission was held on March 22, 2022 in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia. Director Chris Slemph, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The following members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
James Hollie	Dan River - Rep	Present
Ben Meeks	Callands/Gretna – Rep	Present
Alan Casper	Banister – Rep	Present
Ward Rowland	Tunstall – Rep	Present
Tim Cassell	Westover – Rep	Present
Bryan Shields	Chatham/Blairs – Rep	Present
Open	Stauton River	
Kermit King	Northwest Quad - Rep	Present
Steve Stallings	Southwest Quad -Rep	Present
John Brown	Northeast Quad - Rep	Present
Bert Sellers	Southeast Quad - Rep	Present
Vic Ingram	Board of Supervisors Rep	Present
Dean Fowler	F&R Association	Present

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

1. Motion to Add Agenda Items

Under New Business add items:

e. Discussion on budget process

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bert Sellers – Southeast Quad Rep
SECONDER:	Kermit King – Northwest Quad Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Casper, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, Stallings, Brown, Ingram
ABSENT:	None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to Approve Agenda

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kermit King – Northwest Quad Rep
SECONDER:	Alan Casper – Banister Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, Stallings, Brown, Sellers, Ingram
ABSENT:	None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1. Election of Chairman

Bert Sellers nominated Ben Meeks

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Bert Sellers nominated Kermit King

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bryan Shields – Chatham/Blairs Rep
SECONDER:	Tim Cassell – Westover Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Casper, Rowland, King, Stallings, Brown, Sellers, Ingram
ABSENT:	None

b. Adoption of Bylaws

K. King requested to table adoption until new members can get familiar with the bylaws.

B. Meeks request under purpose to include the volunteers in that as well. Also, would like to look at voting during the Matters of the Commissioners, can not make any motions during that time. Also include the association during the budget process

Changes need to be submitted for the County Attorney to review.

The bylaws were adopted last October.

MOTION:

To table Bylaws until the next meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kermit King - Northwest Quad Rep
SECONDER:	Bert Sellers – Southeast Quad Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Casper, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, Stallings, Brown, Ingram
ABSENT:	None

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c. Drawing of Terms

- Ben Meeks – 4-year term
- Steve Stallings – 2-year term
- Bryan Shields – 4-year term
- Kermit King – 2-year term
- Ward Rowland – 1-year term
- Tim Cassell – 1-year term
- James Hollie – 2-year term
- Bert Sellers – 4-year term
- Alan Casper – 2-year term
- John Brown – 1-year term
- Stauton River district – 1-year term

d. Financial Accountability

Director Slempp started discussion on how we move forward with financial accountability with the agencies, reporting, and how we want that to look. What is fair? What do we want to look at? And how this should look for the future.

D. Fowler spoke about being transparent and the Association has formed a committee of three to work with Chris Slempp and Chris Key to create a proposed document to take back to the association at the next meeting. If they approve bring back to this body with an explanation and illustration with the intent to carry it to the Board of Supervisors in June. This will be in their service agreement that they sign in July and that determines the funding agencies get. Therefore, this will hold everyone accountable and show what they are doing financially. A lot of funding is going through the county now.

V. Ingram requested this item to be added to agenda. Every department does a great job. If there is a problem, we will handle it. V. Ingram wants to make sure full accountability is there.

B. Meeks spoke about block funding and an expense report.

MOTION:

To table the accountability items until the ad hoc committee can meet and bring a recommendation back.

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AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, King, Stallings, Brown, Ingram
ABSENT:	None

e. Budget

B. Meeks spoke about strategic planning and budgeting. This year’s budget will be adopted in April. He would like to see a committee formed to review the current budget for fire and rescue as a whole before it is adopted.

C. Slempp spoke about the contingent fund.

V. Ingram advised that there is a public meeting April 4th about the budget.

C. Slempp spoke about the capital improvements and different times of the year the budget process takes place.

B. Sellers spoke about budget committee last year and how the budget was created this year and the per call amount.

C. Slempp advised he did request the per call to increase and all base amounts go up.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

J. D. Brown – No matters

A. Casper – No matters. Look forward to taking an active part. We are a brotherhood, and we serve the citizens of Pittsylvania County.

B. Sellers – Glad to be back on this committee and look forward to serving. Glad to see all the new members and thanked them for their time.

J. Hollie – Appreciates the opportunity to serve. Looks forward to working with everyone.

T. Cassell – Appreciates the chance to serve on this committee also. Wants everyone to come to a common goal.

W. Rowland – Thanks for the honor to be on the commission.

K. King – Welcomed everyone. Thanked everyone for coming.

B. Shields – Congratulated the new chairman, vice chairman, and new commission. Always been and will be a fire service person at heart.

S. Stallings – Understands the goals and looks forward to helping in any way.

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V. Ingram – Looks at the new commission as a new day and a great opportunity to do some fabulous things for our citizens in the county. Thanked everyone for your commitment to serve and to tackle the financial accountability speaks volumes. We will move forward for the betterment of the county.

D. Fowler – Request for a work session to go through each document and answer the questions to get everyone up to speed. Asked everyone when they see members on scene, to let the fire and rescue members know how much you care.

B. Meeks – Thanked everyone for their willingness to serve. Thanked all the volunteers.

C. Slemph – Will be glad to sit down with the new members to go over all the documents.

B. Meeks – Reviewed EMS numbers for the year. Staff responded to 18% of the calls. The volunteers answered the rest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ben Meeks. At 7:23 PM.