

April 27, 2021  
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 April 27, 2021 in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia. Chairman - SouthWest Quad - F&R Rep Bryan Fox, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. The following members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Chuck Angier	NorthWest Quad - Citizen Rep	Present	6:21 PM
Tim Duffer	Southeast Quad - F&R Rep	Absent	
Bryan Fox	Chairman - SouthWest Quad - F&R Rep	Present	6:27 PM
Kermit King	Northwest Quad - F&R Rep	Present	6:19 PM
Bobby Lovelace	SouthWest Quad - Citizen Rep	Present	6:24 PM
Ben Meeks	NorthEast Quad - F&R Rep	Present	6:34 PM
Ronald S. Scarce	Board of Supervisors Rep	Present	6:39 PM
Keith Scruggs	Vice Chairman - NorthEast Quad - Citizen Rep	Present	6:16 PM
Bert Sellers	Southeast Quad - Citizen Rep	Present	6:39 PM

#### **AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED**

There were no agenda items to be added.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda by Ron Scarce, seconded by Bobby Lovelace, unanimous vote.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

##### 1. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve minutes by Chuck Angier, seconded by Ben Meeks, unanimous vote.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

#### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

There were no Hearing of the Citizens.

#### **FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Chief Mike Neal thanked all Fire and Rescue Agencies for all they did in recent fire events. He also stated that the Commission is still going over the Code of Ethics that is being compiled but stated each agency already has by-laws, a Board of Directors, and Officers and that any issues should be first handled by that agency.

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He also addressed the proposed funding and suggested leaving agencies whose funds were proposed to be cut to remain at where they currently are.

Regarding Initial Dispatch, he addressed the presented ECHO system and priority. Chris Slemp and Bryan Fox further elaborated on this.

**COUNTY STAFF REPORTS**

1. County Public Safety Director's Report (Christopher C. Slemp)

Chris Slemp stated most of the inspections have been completed with all passing.

The dispatch grid system was overhauled for Fire and EMS. Ronnie Fowler, along with Glenna Caldwell and Terry Whitt, the GIS Coordinator did a great job with this. The grids are now smaller, and this should make a big difference. He said he is very proud of the work they did.

Code Red, the citizen alert system, has been implemented and there has been great success with signing people up. Thanks to Daniel Kendrick in his efforts on this project.

Chris also said now is the time for Commission members to start thinking about the FY22 Service Agreements and any changes they want to make.

A volunteer interest form is now on our website. We are already seeing people signing up.

The Code of Ethics is still being reviewed by the fire and rescue leadership before finalizing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. FY22 County Volunteer Agency Funding Plan Approval Recommendation (Christopher C. Slemp)

The Ad-Hoc Funding Committee met again to go over proposed funding and it was decided to keep as it was originally recommended. It will still need to go to Finance Committee and the Board of Supervisors for final approval. After some discussion, there was unanimous vote to send to the "Board" and Finance Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board of Supervisors Communications (Hon. Ronald S. Scarce)

Ron Scarce stated at the last Board of Supervisors' Business Meeting the "Board" decided the following/issues related to the County Fire and Rescue:

- Passed a proclamation to recognize County EMS providers during the National EMS Week, May 16-22, 2021. The Board appreciates all County EMS providers and all they do for county citizens.
- Approved a County Public Safety Ride-Along Agreement, which allows EMT students

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who are not affiliated with a County Volunteer Agency to do their ride-along time on County staffed ambulances.

- Approved the EMS billing rates as presented by the FRC from the March 2021 meeting.
- Unanimously passed the following motion related to County FY22 CIP Apparatus Funding:

“Motion to appropriate funding from the County’s Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a fire truck each for Cascade and Mt. Cross Volunteer Fire Departments immediately following the Board of Supervisors’ July Business Meeting and that all future Fire and EMS apparatus purchases shall thereafter follow the Fire and Rescue Commission’s Apparatus Replacement Schedule to be developed and adopted in the near future.”

2. Apparatus CIP Funding Schedule/Rotation (Christopher C. Slemp)

Chris Slemp explained the points system for fire and apparatus and ambulances rotation. After further discussion, it was moved with a motion from Chuck Angier, and seconded by Bert Sellers to table this recommendation for further clarification before sending to the Board of Supervisors.

3. Priority Dispatch Policy Recommendation (Christopher C. Slemp)

Chris Slemp explained the ECHO calls, expounded on how calls are dispatched and the response to the calls. Motion to accept the Priority Dispatch Policy Recommendation as outlined by Keith Scuggs with a second from Chuck Angier.

**MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Ron Scarce - has tickets for Friends of NRA banquet being held on May 6, 2021, money raised stays in the county for Boy Scouts and schools for shooting sports.

Bert Sellers - question about how recommendation and funding approval are done. He wanted explanation on how agencies are approved for trucks.

Bobby Lovelace - Wanted explanation on the Commission’s part in funding trucks in the future.

Chuck Angier - thanked the volunteers who attended tonight’s meeting. Also encouraged them to attend the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ben Meeks - asking for continuous prayer for Chief Clark’s (Cascade) daughter. Also said the county needs to reach out to the community colleges for volunteers.

Kermit King - prayers to Chief Clark’s daughter, thanked volunteers for all they do.

Keith Scuggs - no matters

Bryan Fox - in recent fire events, he saw white helmet (the Chiefs) and all the volunteers working together as a team. Thanked them all for their efforts.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Closed Session

Motion to enter Closed Session by Ron Scarce, seconded by Ben Meeks. Unanimous vote to enter Closed Session.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND CLOSED SESSION CERTIFICATION**

1. Closed Session Certification

Chuck Angier	yes
Tim Duffer	absent
Bryan Fox	yes
Kermit King	yes
Bobby Lovelace	yes
Ben Meeks	yes
Ron Scarce	yes
Keith Scruggs	yes
Bert Sellers	yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Keith Scruggs, seconded by Ron Scarce, unanimous vote to adjourn.  
Adjournment at 8:54pm by Bryan Fox.

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