

October 25, 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 October 25, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia. Chairman – Callands/Gretna Rep – Ben Meeks, 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
Coleman Mayhew	Stauton River	Present
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
Mike Neal	F&R Association	Present

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

Updated agenda adding 13 D - discussion on Mutual Aid fires and 13 E Fire and Rescue Memorial and land discussion.

Motion:

“I make a motion to add these items to the agenda.”

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to Approve Agenda

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. August FRC Meeting Minutes Approval (Staff Contact: Christopher Key)

Motion:

“I make a motion to approve the attached August FRC minutes as presented.”

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

PRESENTATIONS

Danville Life Saving Crew for the Community Paramedic Program. Johnny Mills – Division Chief, Keith Carroll, and Robbie Woodall presented. This division started in 2017 and they define its mission to provide supportive healthcare and preventive services to underserved populations in the Danville region and to enable our patients to be self-sufficient in their healthcare. They are currently serving eight citizens in the county. The program is designed to serve Danville and Pittsylvania County.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Chief Neal, Vice President of Fire Association. Return to Active Volunteer policy will go over under new business. Glad to see Community Paramedic Program and the concern over frequently users in the system. Thanked everyone and Public Safety in reference to the event at VIR. Mass casualty trailer was at St23 and Milton Road and 58 was never blocked that he saw and no accidents. In reference to Hurricane Ian thanked all the volunteer firefighters and EMS. There were 165 calls.

COUNTY STAFF REPORTS

County's Public Safety Director's Report (Christopher Key)

Summary:

1. **ARPA funding:** Only have 3 departments still working on projects.
2. **Mutual aid agreements:** City of Danville & Henry Co. completed. Halifax Co. County attorney has it for review. Nothing from Franklin Co. Bedford Co. or Campbell Co.
3. **Solar Farm Training:** Waiting on approval for next class. Possibly 11/8/22
4. **Deputy Director:** Scott Hutcherson promotion and Battalion Chief Gage Randall.
5. **Schedule 6 CSR drug storage** – Paperwork waiting to meet with Gretna to move forward with submitting and inspection.
6. **Service Agreements** – All Fire and Rescue agencies signed the agreements. First disbursement has been sent out.
7. **Four for Life and ATL funding** – Is available funding for agencies
8. **Radio PMs** – over 700 have been completed, 100 still need to be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ben Meeks spoke about the Fire and Rescue Association had requested to speak with the Hospital on diversions. Chris Key advised the county has spoken with them and they have offered incentives to students and checked with classes, some classes with none in them. The medical field is struggling right now.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board of Supervisors Communications, Vic Ingram was in closed session. Upon arrival had nothing to report.
- b. Return to Active Volunteer policy update, Mike covered in Association report. Committee was appointed and the last meeting, last Wednesday, night they reported back with a form that Callands Fire and Rescue is using. An assessment for Return to Duty form that has name, injury, illness, signed and dated when returned by medical provider. It has a level of release. These will be distributed to each department, and they will label with their agency. It will be kept on file at their agency. The Association voted and adopted the form.

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Motion:

“I make a motion to follow the Associations recommendation for the Return to Active Volunteer policy and form along with sending a copy of the document to Director of Public Safety if it is a line of duty incident.”

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

- c. Change of Bylaws – Commission meetings 6.1 under meetings. Minor change but, would affect the night of meetings due to other county meetings that occur.

Paperwork must be submitted 10 days prior to meetings.

Motion:

“I make a motion to amend the Bylaws to change meeting night to second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm.”

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Meeks – Callands/Gretna Rep
SECONDER:	Kermit King – Northwest Quad – Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Casper, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, Mayhew, King, Stallings, Brown, Sellers
ABSENT:	None

- d. Mutual Aid Fires and call statistics.

K. King spoke about the mutual aid fire calls, getting counted for, and the budget concerns.

Meeks spoke about tracking more and how gas budgets are used over halfway already.

Cassell request it be tracked and compensated.

Commission is requesting that Fire and Rescue Association discuss this and bring back a recommendation.

- e. Fire and Rescue Memorial

B. Meeks advised they have found a piece of property, across from the Public Safety Building at the Old Armory in Chatham. They are working with an architectural firm out of Forest, VA. Committee has brought it to Chris Slemph and he took it to the county’s executive team.

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Motion:

“I make a motion for the Commission to send a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to allow use the property at the Old Armory Building for the Fire and Rescue Memorial as long as we meet the stipulations from the Board.”

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ben Meeks – Callands/Gretna Rep
SECONDER:	John Brown – Northeast Quad – Rep
AYES:	Hollie, Meeks, Casper, Rowland, Cassell, Shields, Mayhew, King, Stallings, Brown, Sellers
ABSENT:	None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

M. Neal – No matters

W. Rowland – No matters

T. Cassell – No matters

V. Ingram – No matters

S. Stallings – No matters

B. Shields – Special thanks to the men and women that serve in our county.

C. Mayhew – No matters

C. Key – No matters

J. Brown – No matters

A. Casper – Thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Disappointed that we did not get to hear from SOVAH-Danville.

B. Sellers – Thanked Mills, Carroll, and Woodall for coming tonight to make the presentation and helps knowing there is something that is going to help the community.

J. Hollie – No matters

K. King – Thanked DLSC for coming out tonight and congratulations to the ones that got promoted in Public Safety.

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B. Meeks – Thank you for everyone coming out tonight. Thanked volunteers. Thanked Public Safety Staff. Congratulations to Scott Hutcherson and Gage Randall. Thanks to Chief Neal for serving as the Vice President of the Fire and Rescue Association he is stepping down and congratulations to Matt Hunt for filling this. Thanked Board of Supervisors. Blue Ridge Rock Festival was a great event. Update on Thomas Page, he has now been moved to a nursing home in Lynchburg and was walking this week and is communicating.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ben Meeks at 7:51 PM.