



# ***FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD***

## ***CURRITUCK COUNTY***



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### **Minutes**

**Thursday, March 24, 2011  
Currituck County Courtroom "C"  
7:00pm**

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:00PM
2. Roll Call of Advisory Board Members
  - Present:** Commissioner Vance Aydlett, Charles Berry, Chief Chris Dailey, Chief Rick Galganski, Chief Robert Glover, Vice-Chair Stanley Griggs, Chairman Hugh McCain, Albert Stegner, Mr. Charles Berry
  - Absent:** Michael Lesinski
  - Attendees:** Deputy Chief George Bergamini, Lt. Kurt Black, Mitch Copeland, Ken Ferrell, Sr., Ken Ferrell, Jr., Chris Gettons, James Mims, Chief Dusty Ruscoe, Chief Bill Thorn and John Winn

Prior to the next agenda item, Chairman McCain recognized and thanked Commissioner Aydlett for participating with the board and thanked him for attending the meeting. Commissioner Aydlett responded by stating "he is pleased to be able to be on this board to help the wonderful Fire-EMS in this county continue to provide the best service possible for citizens and visitors."

3. Reading and Action on the February 2011 Minutes
  - The motion to approve minutes was made by Vice-Chair Griggs and seconded by Mr. Berry, motion voted and the minutes were approved.
4. Public Comments – Mitch Copeland told everyone about the great comments that were made by the instructors from the Farm Medic class held on March 18-20. The instructors said that they were very impressed by the base knowledge of everyone and also how many different departments were able to work together without bickering. Also, he requested that time be given at the next meeting for his wife, Gina Copeland, to speak about the upcoming Firefighter Challenge to be held October 1 at the Hampton Lodge.
5. FEAB member and Chairman comments  
Chairman McCain sends his condolences to the family of Ralph Beasley, a long-time member of Lower Currituck and asks that everyone do the same.

Chief Galganski – New engine body is on and will be delivered in 30-40 days.  
Engine 62 is back in service. Chief Galganski and three other officers from Corolla



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Fire and Rescue completed the Chief 101 class. Four lifeguards from Corolla Ocean Rescue are currently taking the FFI and FFII classes and are almost finished.

Chief Dailey – The Albemarle Fire Association is having a dinner on May 3 at 7:30pm at the NC Cooperative Extension Building. It is going to be scholarship night. Tickets are \$8 per person. The event is catered by the Currituck Ruritan club. Please turn in a head count to Chief Dailey at least one week out. Chief Dailey thanked George Bergamini for helping Crawford VFD procure a P-19 truck from the Coast Guard. It will be housed at the Maple station close to the airport.

Chief Glover – Leadership I and Leadership II classes were held as part of the Officer Development Program. In April, the classes will be on County policies and procedures and in May, Incident Safety Officer will be taught. Any volunteer or paid staff member is welcome to attend. After a summer break, Leadership III will be taught in September along with Mass Casualty Incident training in October and November.

6. New member appointments
  - Northern District nominee – Kurt Black
  - Mainland District nominee – Mitch Copeland
  - Outer Banks District nominee – George Bergamini
  - Owen Etheridge appointment to board
7. Election of FEAB Chairman and Vice-Chairman – tabled until April meeting
8. Adjourn to Work Session – Draft Ordinance – 7:25pm
9. Reconvene General Meeting – 8:44pm
10. Recommendations/Motions on the Draft Ordinance – tabled until April meeting.  
During the work session, changes were proposed for the ordinance which will be made and sent out to all members for review for next meeting.
11. Budget Changes  
Chairman McCain asked all VFD Chiefs to look over the budgets that are proposed for next fiscal year and to bring any changes to the next meeting.
12. Items to be addresses with the Board of Commissioners  
Chairman McCain is going to send information to the Clerk of the Board about getting on the next BOC agenda to change two things in the Resolution. The first change proposed is that the Chief of Fire-EMS be established as a voting member of

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At ninety (90) minutes, the agenda will be continued to the next meeting, unless there is a “motion to continue” that is seconded and approved.



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the Fire-EMS Advisory Board. The second change proposed is the addition of a ninth member to the Fire-EMS Advisory Board to offset the vote, but also because the BOC has grown from 5 members to 7 members and FEAB would like the citizens to be represented fairly. A motion to make these changes was made by Mr. Stegner and seconded by Mr. Griggs. The motion passed.

13. Set April Meeting Date - meeting date is set for April 28 at 7:00pm

Before the adjourning of the meeting, Commissioner Aydlett thanked the leaving members of the Board for their service to Currituck County. Chief Rob Glover echoed his appreciation for those who have served.

14. Adjourn until April Meeting – 9:05pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chief Rob Glover and Ms. Tonya Crawford