



FIRE & EMS ADVISORY BOARD

CURRITUCK COUNTY



Minutes

**Thursday, February 27, 2014
Currituck County Courtroom "C"
7:00pm**

1) Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Stanley Griggs at 7:00PM

2) Roll Call of Advisory Board Members:

Present: Chairman Stanley Griggs, Mr. Charles Berry, Mr. Mitch Copeland, CCFEMS Chief Rob Glover, Mr. Jim Cason and Mr. Richard LaBounty, Ms. Evelyn Henley, and Commissioner Vance Aydlett
Absent: Mr. Jeff Shell

3) Reading and Action on the September 2013 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Charles Berry made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Henley seconded the motion which was voted upon and carried.

4) Public Comments:

Chief Galganski presented a copy of the replacement schedule for apparatus that was presented in meetings past for discussion. He also advised the Board that a few LifePak AED's had been purchased for PineIsland and Corolla and are compatible with the County's EMS equipment.

Chief Jones shared that they finally have Piedmont Natural Gas installed and functioning in the Grandy VFD.

Robert Pervere from Moyock Volunteer Fire Dept, requested county funding for the replacement of their SCBA's. He explained that this need was placed in their budget as capital outlay split between two budget years. Moreover, he stated that the need due to the expiration date of the current equipment and bottles, as well as, difficulty finding replacements or repair parts since the manufacturer is no longer in business. This item was the only capital funding that was recommended for funding by the FEAB which was forwarded to the County Manager for consideration and approval. A motion was made to support the request. A vote was held and the motion carried.

ACTION ITEM: CHAIRMAN GRIGGS WILL CONTACT THE COUNTY MANAGER AND FINANCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE AND THE IMMEDIATE NEED.

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5) Board Comments:

Charles Berry- Community Hazardous Waste Pickup will be held on April 5 in the courthouse parking lot from 9am-3pm.

Chief Glover- The staffing of Corova with four medics 24-7 has been put in place and is working great so far. Commissioner Adylett stated it was an amazing dedication in a small community and commended Chief Glover and Chief Vann for working together to complete the mission. Chief Vann stated it was a great to have the help. It was also stated that the contract with Ocean Rescue has been renewed.

Chief Glover- Annual Physicals have been scheduled for CCFEMS employees in the upcoming months. Fit testing will be conducted in concert with the physicals, which will lead into a facial hair policy to be followed.

6) Old Business:

- **Update on the VFIS Study:**

The second draft of the document has been received but no formal discussion has been had. Commissioner Aylett stated the board has not gotten together with the contractor, however made the promise to move the process along as fast possible. All comments on the study need to be sent to Chief Glover for purposes of forwarding to the contractor. Mitch Copeland made the motion to table this discussion until after the Board of Commissioners has met with the contractor. The motion was seconded by Richard LaBounty, which was voted on and carried.

7. New Business:

- **Terms of the FEAB members:**

Discussion was held on each member's availability to serve. No determination has been made by the Board of Commissioners; therefore each member will continue to serve until a determination has been made.

- **Policy on VFD purchasing radios:**

Chairman Griggs stated that request need to go through Communications and that they could answer questions about purchasing them but it was his understanding that all of the ID's are currently taken up.

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Chief Galganski shared that ISO will not recognize a portable radio without a charger in the truck and that issue is major for the individual department's rating. LaBounty agreed with the ISO rating concern.

LaBounty brought up a concern with Knotts Island needing to purchase more radios, one which would serve as an overhead in the station. Discussion was had on different needs of each station. LaBounty made a motion to the FEAB that Knotts Island gets recommendation to purchase new radios through Communications with the money out of their budget. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Chief Vann brought up a similar situation with the need of three additional handheld radios with chargers that he had not gotten approval from the FEAB board but had been in contact with Communications. The motion was made and seconded. Chairman Griggs stated the requests would be brought up to with the County Manager but would like to have justification regarding the purchase in writing from Knotts Island and Corova VFD.

Mitch Copeland reminded all Volunteer Fire Chief's to bring any purchases over \$5000 to the FEAB before submitting to the county.

ACTION ITEM: Chairman Griggs will follow up to verify that the County Manager has received the list of needs from each VFD in reference to the portable radios.

- **Goals for FEAB meetings:**
Mitch Copeland suggested waiting until the final draft of the VIS study has been published to set goals. Chairman Griggs agreed. Item was tabled. A motion was made and carried.
- **Next Meeting Dates:** Scheduling the next meeting is differed until March.10, 2014 to determine a need.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. Crissy Daneker and Chief Rob Glover, FEAB Secretary.