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AMHERST COUNTY
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MINUTES

February 7, 2024

Meeting Convened - 6:00 PM

County Administrator

Jeremy Bryant

County Attorney

Mark Popovich

1. Call to Order

At a special meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on January 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Drew Wade, Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Tom Martin, Supervisor
Chris Adams, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, County Administrator
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chairman Wade called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors' meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Tucker led the Invocation and Supervisor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wade motioned to amend the agenda, adding a new Section 3. Approval of Agenda and Item V. Emergency Services Council under Section 4. Review of Amherst County Fire & EMS Study.

3. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

3. Introduction and Overview

All participants in the meeting introduced themselves. In addition to the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, County Attorney, and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk, the following people were present.

Charlsea Goodin: Captain, Amherst Life Saving Crew
Steve Drummond, Assistant Chief, Amherst Fire Department
R. W. Woody, Captain, Monelison Rescue Squad
Joey Malott, Chief, Monelison Fire Department
George Napier, Chief Pedlar Volunteer Fire Department
Brad Beam, Director of Amherst Department of Public Safety

4. Review of Amherst County Fire & EMS Study

I Organization

- Better Defining Authority
- Potential Revision to County Ordinance (Public Safety Section)
- Discussion of Name Change
- Mission, Vision, and Value Statement Design
- Volunteer Fire
- Volunteer Rescue

II Training & Operations

- Development of SOG Sub-group
 1. Minimum Training Standards
 2. Fire Ground Accountability
 3. Incident Management/Command
 4. Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC)
 5. Swift Water/ Specialty Teams
- Development of Training Sub-group

III Budget and Administration

- National Fire Incident Report System (NFIRS)
- Annual Audits
- Annual Budget Submission

IV Service Delivery & Staffing

- Fire/EMS Coordinated Team Approach

V. Emergency Services Council (Item added by Agenda Amendment)

5. Next Steps

After a discussion on all the items on the agenda, it was the consensus for the following to take place as the next steps:

1. The County Attorney to draft a revision to the County Code Language.
2. The Emergency Services Council will bring in a consultant to draft a Mission, Vision & Value Statement.
3. The Emergency Services Council will develop a policy to include county-wide SOGs and Standards and bring it back to the Board of Supervisors within six months for adoption. There will not be an SOG subgroup or Training subgroup.
4. The Emergency Services Council will work out a schedule to meet more often.
5. The Emergency Services Council will focus on the future.
6. Adding a citizen member to sit on the Emergency Services Council will be readdressed.

6. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:09 pm.

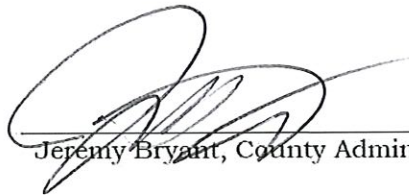
AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Drew Wade, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator

