

Amherst County  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL  
MEMBERS PRESENT 4/9/2014

Amherst Fire Department: Trent Richie Jr.      Amherst Life Saving Crew: Charlseal Goodin

Monelison Fire Department: Ernie Cash      Monelison Rescue Squad: Vickie Padgett

Pedlar Fire Department: Danny Tucker      Pedlar Rescue Squad: Cheryl Tomin

Public Safety      Gary Roakes

Fire Training: Trent Richie

Board of Supervisors:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Charlie Singleton, Chairman Emergency Services Council

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April 9, 2014

Charlie Singleton called the meeting to order at 1900. Opening silent prayer was made and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was made.

The Emergency Services Council reviewed the new Amherst County Ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors on the restructuring of the Council.

Charlie then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman:

Ernie Cash nominated Danny Tucker.

Danny Nominated Ernie Cash.

Motion to close nominations was made by Ernie Cash and seconded by Trent Richie.

Motion carried.

Danny Tucker was elected to the position of Chairman by a vote of 5-2.

Danny assumed the Chairman position and continued the election process for Vice Chairman.

Cheryl Tomlin nominated Trent Richie.

Danny nominated Ernie Cash – Ernie Declined.

Motion to close nominations was made by Charlse Goodin and seconded by Cheryl Tomlin.

Motion carried.

Trent Richie was elected to the position of Vice Chairman.

Vickie Padgett nominated Gary Roakes for the Secretary position.

With no other nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Ernie Cash and seconded by Trent Richie.

Motion carried.

Gary Roakes was elected to the position of Secretary.

Danny Tucker thanked Charlie Singleton and Bill Camm for their years of service and support of the Emergency Services Council

The minutes for January 22, 2014 and February 17, 2014 were reviewed. Cheryl Tomlin was present at the January 22, 2014 and Vickie Padgett was not present on February 17, 2014. A motion was made by Vickie Padgett and seconded by Trent Richie to approve with corrections. Motion carried.

## **TRAINING:**

Recent Virginia Department of Fire Programs training classes for Amherst County were reviewed. The Incident Safety Officer class held at Pedlar had 17 students with 12 from Amherst County. The Rope I class had 13 students and no one from Amherst County was in the class. The Firefighter II class was cancelled.

A discussion was held regarding the Board of Supervisors funded EMT and Firefighter I class set to start in the fall of 2014 in Amherst County.

Trent Richie advised that the instructor update for Firefighter I and Firefighter II, sixth addition will be held at the VDFP office in Farmville on April 19-20.

Danny Tucker advised that the Aircraft Simulator will be at the airport in May. Pedlar is scheduled for May 15 at 6:30 PM. Anyone who would like to go is welcome but you must have Firefighter I to participate in fire training.

A Vehicle Extrication class will be held at Amherst Life Saving Crew on May 10 and 11. If you agency is not a member of the VAVRS, there will be a \$25.00 fee when you sign up on line.

Gary also advised the fire chiefs of the May 15 deadline to have the request for VDFP funded training for 2014-2015. The training request for the three classes must be signed by all chiefs and the Director of Public Safety. Only one request per locality can be submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gary made motion and seconded by Vickie to send bylaws back to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Gary advised that some of the 41 recipients of the incentive payment may have to complete a 1099 form due to the total amount of incentives they receive with the county vehicle decals (\$25.00), the ACCES program (\$75.00) and now the \$500.00 cash incentive payment. The total amount of all these incentives is \$600.00 which is the amount which requires the 1099. A discussion was held that the vehicle decal and the ACCES program had not been issued in 2014. If the volunteer elects not to do one of these, then the 1099 would not be required but would if the volunteer elected to do all three. Gary will check with Accounting and the Commissioner of Revenue regarding the time span of the vehicle decal. Gary advised that the ACCES program spans the fiscal year.

Trent Richie asked if the SOGS could be amended. The council advised that yes they could be amended as they are a working document. Trent advised his department had some questions on some sections. Gary also reminded the council, that the Council, not the Board of Supervisors or the Public Safety Department had voted at the April 2012 ESC meeting, that if any member of any department did not sign or refused to sign the County Wide SOGs, then that member would not be allowed to run calls. The Chiefs and Captains present reaffirmed this in the discussion.

Gary advised the Council of the status of the fire radios replacement and noted that they should be in the next few weeks. Gary will contact the Chiefs when the radios arrive to set up date for each department to receive the new radios.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held about the VDFP survey and the proposed plan. It was recommended that the Council meet more frequently and to break the Council up into committees as needed to bring back information on the various topics to the Council.

Gary advised that he will be planning a dinner for fire and EMS personnel and also recognition for Charlie and Bill in May. The date will be announced once it has been set.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ernie Cash and second by Charlseal Goodin. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Gary M. Roakes