



AMHERST COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

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EMERGENCY DIAL 911

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2021

Location: County Administration Building @1900

In attendance:

Monelison Fire -	Joey Malott
Monelison Rescue-	R.W. Woody
Pedlar Fire -	George Napier
Amherst Fire-	Steve Drummond
Amherst Life Saving-	Charlsea Goodin
Public Safety -	Sam Bryant
	Jarred Scott

I. The ESC Meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by Joey Malott

II. Pledge of Allegiance – All
Invocation - Sam Bryant

III. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting:

Motion made to approve minutes of July 14, 2021– Charlsea Goodin
Motion seconded by Steve Drummond
Unanimous Vote to approve.

There was no public citizen comment.

IV. New Business:

1. Status of Monelison Station #3

Roof, A/C, Ceiling Tile and Electrical complete.

Windows and sills need to be cleaned before painting. MFD Chief Joey Malott and Public Safety Staff, if available volunteered to clean.

Jim Fontaine will be obtaining quotes to replace door into building (has holes) and the door to the Truck Bay to replace.

No quote on shower as yet. Bathroom work was not a part of the initial building permit.

2. Department of Forestry would like to do some county training. Joey Malott will reach out to Gary Hall – Matson from Dept. of Forestry.
3. Sam Bryant to contact David Shields from Campbell Insurance /Selective insurance and John Bolling from VACORP for each to come to a meeting to discuss insurance coverage and safe driving by end of year or January 2022.
4. Discussion held in regard to the recent Structure Fire whereas several poor decisions were made by personnel, causing added stress to the homeowner. Serious work needs to be done with the young members of the organizations. They look to the senior members for mentoring. Members of several departments are giving of their time and expertise to help with the Restoration Project of the homeowner. Human errors made 911 toning process; incident command process; site situation assessment. There were many good thing as well by the attending Crews.
5. Competition between departments in the County is showing negativity. This must stop. Cannot have stress and division.
6. Swift Water SOG-

Variables for SWR: Don't overload boats; check water levels; somehow have Dispatch know what the water levels are in strategic bodies of water.

V. Matters from the Floor

1. Bob Hopkins – Service Authority to come and talk about water hydrants, etc. and training personnel for hookups on hydrants
2. Sam Bryant discussed items from the Board of Supervisor's Meeting held on October 5, 2021. They approved a training console at a cost of \$40,000. Money allotted back to Public Safety. BOS also allocated 525K to Pedlar Fire Department.
3. Monelison Rescue Squad- A possibility that generator **may be** able to be moved to Station 3.
4. Upcoming Amherst County Fair: Th – Sun, Oct. 21-24, 2021
Sam Bryant will inspect food ventors, fire works location
Public Safety Department will have one medic unit stationed outside fair grounds, not inside. There will be no Command Vehicle present.
5. Discussed possibility of holding a "joint banquet" again.

VI. Upcoming Training

1. Fire Fighter I Class Ongoing. Several Monelison FD members attending FF2 in Appomatox.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn- R. W. Woody
Seconded – Jarred Scott
Unanimous Vote to adjourn

Possible December Meeting to be discussed later. If held, it would be December 8, 2021.