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Minutes March 21, 2017

The March 21, 2017 meeting of the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency (JCESA) Board was held at 7 pm on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at the JCESA Operations Center, located at 419 Sixteenth Avenue, Ranson West Virginia 25438. Board Members present: Chairman Chris Conroy, Vice Chair Jane Tabb, Treasurer Andrew Arnold, Member Aaron Watson, Member Steve Sowers, Dr. Marney Treese and the Volunteer Fire Rescue Association President Ron Fletcher.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney: Nathan P. Cochran was present.

Call to Order

Chairman Chris Conroy called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were presented to the Board. A motion by Andrew Arnold was made to accept those minutes as presented. Jane Tabb seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The special meeting minutes from January 27, 2017 were presented to the Board. Jane Tabb made the motion to approve and Chris Conroy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The special meeting minutes from February 5, 2017 were presented to the Board. Steve Sowers made the motion to approve and Chris Conroy seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The special meeting minutes from March 8, 2017 were presented to the Board. Aaron Watson made the motion to approve and Steve Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Treasures Report

Andrew Arnold presented the Treasures report. We are on budget. Director Pouget presented the cost breakdown for a full time employee. Chairman Chris Conroy made the motion to approve and Vice Chair Jane Tabb seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Conroy reported on two County Commission meetings.

President of JCFRA

Report that we had 35 calls in a short period of time during the last snow storm. Everyone did an excellent job!



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Directors Report

- Recruitment and retention update.
- Public Education plan.
- Report on CAD data. Referred to the Operations Committee for analysis to decide on presentation and prepare for the Annual Report. Discussion on turn out time.
- Director Pouget continues to revise policies and procedures.
- Chief Cogle reported that Blue Ridge will no longer do DOA transports for non-Medical Examiner cases.

Committee Reports

Administrative Committee: No report

Operational Committee: No report

Budget Committee: Andrew Arnold spoke about the ambulance fee decreasing and the challenges this presents.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Public Comment

Commissioner Peter Onoszko spoke about the Fiscal year 18 budget. The Commissioners decreased the ambulance fee by \$5.00. However, they utilized general fund monies to make up the difference in JCESA's budget. They did not reduce positions.

Chief Earl Cogle spoke about the Cardiac Arrest that occurred in his area and the good job everyone did. However, long response times worked against the patient. He had massive anoxic brain injury and is not a viable patient.

Board Member Comments

Treasurer Andrew Arnold spoke about proper staffing levels and response times. In addition, praised Recruiter Allen Keyser for his efforts. He also reported on the shortfalls of our system due to the staffing shortages. Treasurer Arnold also talked about the Eastern Pan Handle working Fires poll reference the ambulance fee. This is a true sample of public opinion.

Vice Chair Jane Tabb told the group she speaks for herself as one Commissioner. She reminded everyone the budget is not approved until the levy has been set. She will continue to educate the public on the needs of public safety. Vice Chair Tabb stated that she will put the DOA issue on the next Commission Agenda. She also reminded the group that ordinance hasn't been changed yet.

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Chairman Chris Conroy thanked Chief Cogle for his efforts over the last two years in transporting all of the County's DOA's. Chairman Conroy spoke about the increase in call load and the need for staffing. He expressed his pleasure with the Commissioners increasing volunteer funding. However, he stated that we needed staffing to be approved as well.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Chris Conroy. Seconded by Vice Chair Jane Tabb. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: These minutes were prepared by **Director Denise S. Pouget**