



JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY

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Special Meeting Minutes August 13, 2020

The August *Special* meeting of the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency (JCESA) Board was held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2020 at the Independent Fire Company, Station 4 (Social Hall Building) located at 200 W. 2nd Ave., Ranson, WV 25438.

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Simon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Member	Present	Member	Present
Allen Keyser	Yes	Debbie Lancaster	Yes
Elliot Simon	Yes	Tony Troxel	Yes
Jane Tabb	Yes	Craig Simpson	Yes
Tricia Jackson	Yes	Bob Faas	Yes
Dr. Marney Treese	Yes	Ronnie Shutts	Yes

AGENDA ITEM

- JCESA and JCVFRA Board – Expectations as Fire Board

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

- Chairman Simon started off by stating that this is an exploratory meeting, as the ESA and FRA have never had a meeting in regard to the Fire Board before. Therefore, all we're going to be doing today is try and figure out a framework on how the two organizations will work together.
- Simon also mentioned that Commissioner Tabb pointed out at one of the meetings that we might be the only county in WV where the ESA is not only that agency, but also the Fire Board. So, this was an interesting discovering since ESA has never functioned this way before, but if there are laws and regulations involved, we want to make sure that we are operating in a lawful manner. And maybe even ways to improve by working and meeting together from time to time.
- Simon moved on to say that his recommendation would be to see what Commissioner Jane Tabb could share with the group as far as county code and ordinance and how they apply here, and the important sections of Chapter 7; Article 7-17-6 through 12 of Senate Bill No. 224. (*Exhibit A*)
- Simon read aloud 1-9 of Article 7-17-10 Powers generally. See (*Exhibit A – page 3*) He then asked – is this Fire Board independent of the County Commission or, under the direction of the County Commission?
 - Commissioner Tabb responded that the Fire Board is Independent. She further explained that ESA is a component unit of the County Commission, and ESA

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- serves as both the Ambulance and Fire Board together. She briefly spoke of when Jay Watson had everything approved by the state legislature and how everyone assumed there would be just one combined fee.
- Simon - what we have is, ESA supplies the employees to the ambulance and EMS service, which then leaves the question that we have 7 independent VFD's that have always acted separately. What does this do in terms of getting everyone together as one unit? And what are the ramifications of it, and how do we go forward if that's what we're supposed to do?
 - Currently looking at the way things are now we are all under one umbrella and everything seems to be working just fine the way they are. Therefore, if it's not broke, you don't want to fix it.
 - DeMeritt – his general understating of the legislation is the Fire Board is being misrepresented altogether and that the states intent to the Fire Board is a funding source to manage funding for independent volunteer fire organizations, not to manage or oversee any operational or combining of organizations in any way. A funding body, not a management body.
 - Simon – it even gives the Fire Board the authority to go into debt. He assumes generally that would apply to purchasing of a fire truck, capital investment and rolling stock or major equipment purchases.
 - Simpson – initially when Jay Watson was going back and forth to Charleston working on allowing this county to become one board, and the biggest reason behind that was to save money for the people of Jefferson County. Original intent was to have one fee to cover everything, but at state level it didn't happen. Now, we need to push the state to make this happen.
 - Morgan – at the last association meeting this same topic came up and I volunteered to take the lead and go back to the legislation and work on getting this to be just one fee. Already spoke to Wysong and Sandy Slusher and there will be others involved.
 - Simon – but if the Fire Board is a funding mechanism, then there needs to be a budget and that could get awkward since each fire company has their own budget.
 - Faas – the money from the county is a gift it's not a line item on the budget.
 - Malamas – you are correct, as each fire company already submit a copy of their budget each year in order to receive their county funding, which breaks down each general funding line item of what's needed for the year to run the fire company. This is submitted to the Fire Board, and then sent forward to the County Commission for approval of funding.
 - Simpson – this county has an association and cannot oversee funds that come in from a fee, but ESA as acting Fire Board can, as far as he knows.
 - Simon – stated that we recently discovered that we do have a Fire Board now; it just hasn't been functioning as a Fire Board.
 - Simpson – replied, yes it has. JCESA is the Fire Board and has been putting out rules and regulations for the ESA employees. ESA employees now are allowed to ride the fire trucks, and they're providing them with gear, so we are a Fire Board and acting as one right now.
 - Morgan – feels the Fire Board needs to come up with how funds will be distributed.

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- Faas – briefly gave an example about how outside gifted funds to VFD’s shouldn’t be included in budgets when reviewed for county funding. He feels that the way things are going with COVID and all, that if we’re even able to get an emergency service fee to pass will stabilize that potential. For example, the ambulance fee that we currently see only funds 8 people out of the 33 part-time/36 fulltime people.
- Cogle - feels people are tired of always hearing that there is another FEE, it needs to change.
- Faas – he agrees and it’s all in the way of how we sell it
- Jackson – in speaking with people in the community they have no idea why they’re paying a fee, no idea why their insurance gets billed for an ambulance, so we need to present the need and educate the people because they are confused.
- Faas and Lancaster echoed what Jackson said and feel there is a need to educate the community and maybe even consider having an open house where all the fire companies and ESA come together and educate people. Put stuff out on Face Book pages and websites, flyers, brochures, the more we can educate them the easier it’s going to be to sell. They don’t care if we’re career or volunteer, they just want their family to be taken care of.
- Commissioner Tabb – spoke briefly about the limitations on raising taxes and max levy rates and fees.
- Simon – commented that maybe the County Commission needs to prioritize budgetary items to provide more funds to emergency services or reach further into the pockets of the taxpayers, which some taxpayers can’t afford it.
- Malamas/Simpson – VFD’s have provided their budgets to the County Commission for years, but they need to decide which way to go. All VFD’s want more people, but so long as each can sustain themselves, they want to be able to purchase their own equipment as needed – they don’t want the board to do that.
- Simon – so, you’re saying we should maintain the structure as it is of each independent fire company, doing their own budget and managing its own affairs.
- DeMeritt – it was decided 6-7 years ago to have ESA present our needs to the County Commission. Another point that was brought up in the association meeting is the fire fee and what it would be for, which he doesn’t believe they ever came to a resolution, but there was discussion about getting out of the funding raising business, but at one point are we financially solvent and can we maintain the way we have for the last 230 years? Because not having fund raising events due to COVID is obviously hurting us and not a sustainable method.
- Malamas – due to COVID and no fund raisers they had a loss of 40k, luckily funds set aside to help for a while, but would like to see a guarantee stable funding source for something like this in the future.
- Keyser – mentioned the one thing everyone needs to think about is the current EAS Fee (Emergency Ambulance Service Fee) ordinance, which we have to follow and how it’s broke down and what all it covers. ESA has to move funds around between Ambulance Fee and General Fund account in order to cover 34 fulltime and 34 part-time ESA staff. 93% of ESA’s budget is for labor. He briefly went over the process of presenting the VFD’s budget presentation to the County Commission annually for funding. He emphasized on there’s a lot of work to be done and an ordinance that needs to be

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- followed - what it's for, how it's established and a definition of what that \$40 covers. He stated how each of them needs to get engaged with what Morgan has already started.
- Morgan – noted that the County ordinance can be changed at the state level.
 - Simon – commented on the Ambulance Fee in order to have it instituted it was dedicated to the EMT positions
 - Keyser – replied that there was a change in 2018 by the previous Director who was able to get the change made which saved the county money
 - Commissioner Tabb – briefly explained the process to change the ordinance and mentioned that Stephanie Grove is the person to talk to and has the knowledge. And that we all need to lobby our delegates.
 - Faas – stated the next meeting we need to have all the County officials attend, Attorney, Finance Director, Administrator, and her staff - Keyser and Tabb agreed.
 - Troxel – commented on the importance of a dedicated fee maintained by the Fire Board and not the County Commission
 - Simon – questioned about what's next, to form a committee to work more on integrating this or continue the way things have been going with the individual fire companies' budgets through ESA to the County Commission.
 - Commissioner Tabb – feels it's not going to work because there is not enough revenue for everyone. And that the WV State Constitution states that elected officials are the priority are taken care of first in terms of the budget.
 - Simon – asked Tabb for an overview of that money flow of what offices she's referring too.
 - Commissioner Tabb – Circuit Clerk, Magistrate Clerk, Assessor, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney
 - Morgan – first thing is come up with a reasonable dollar figure fee, and the Emergency Services Board and Association agree on the amount to cover the career staff and the rest be divided between the fire companies. And like Faas said, educate the community.
 - Jackson – stated as an ESA Board Member she would like to see the VFD's budgets so she can get an idea of what their needs are and what's coming in so we can proceed to talk about the shortfalls.
 - Simon – made a comment to all attending that you may not get what you want, but you absolutely must get what you need. It's a matter of public safety.
 - Faas – stated that there are tons of things that we all need, but educating the community is what's going to do it for us.
 - Commissioner Tabb – will have added to the County Commission agenda an evening workshop, legal meeting, and open forum. She asked that they come prepared with a plan and presentation of what they are thinking about. Looking at a time frame around Oct 2020.
 - Keyser – recommended to Faas and Morgan when working on their presentation to take into consideration the good faith funding of \$82,500 from the County Commission, and for the group moving forward to start thinking about working on budgets and emergency services fee.
 - Faas and Morgan will meet and plan the presentation
 - Simon – next meeting Thursday, October 8th at 6:30pm (tentative)

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- Cogle – asked if a fee study could be sent out to the residents of the county with information to educate them on what it's for and let them decide.
- Simon – explained a fire fee is a regressive tax where a person on a fixed low income would be paying the same fee as a millionaire. That's the problem with the fee and you'll get the push back. What's needed is revenue assured through County Commission somehow, but if a fee is what is needed then we need a fee.
- Simpson – our biggest part of selling this to get it as one combined fee is to the State Association.
- DeMeritt – we only got one legal opinion on this and that was when Stephanie Grove was the County Attorney and we took her word on it. We don't think anyone else has studied it, and they haven't explained to us why. I'm assuming not otherwise inconsistent with state law, that we can't do it. DeMeritt feels it's worth getting a 2nd/3rd legal opinion on it.
- Commissioner Tabb – we're dealing with the state and unless it specifically states that we can collect a fee you have to have an enabling legislation that's pretty specific.
- Morgan – we need to promote, welcome, and bring back more big businesses like Rockwood to our county to help bring in revenue.
- Simon – in closing he thanked Faas and Morgan for coordinating the first Fire Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Faas, 2nd by Jackson - Motion carries unanimously on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Lancaster, Secretary.



Approved - Elliot Simon, JCESA Chair



Date

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Exhibit A

ENROLLED

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

Senate Bill No. 224

(By Senators Tomblin, Mr. President, and Caruth,

By Request of the Executive)

[Passed March 8, 2008; In effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to authorize the county commission of Jefferson County to create a joint emergency services agency; legislative findings; and management by a joint emergency services board .

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

JEFFERSON COUNTY JOINT EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY.

§1. Legislative findings.

(a) The Legislature finds that:

- (1) Jefferson County has a demonstrated population growth rate history;
- (2) Small separate volunteer emergency services agencies cannot adequately serve the people of Jefferson County;
- (3) The municipalities, communities and the county cannot separately finance individual volunteer emergency services agencies;
- (4) Jefferson County is in a unique position that it has the only national historical park in the state which attracts thousands of visitors annually;
- (5) The national historical park with its historical buildings and visitors places an undue burden on the small individual emergency services agencies in Jefferson County; and
- (6) An agency that combines joint emergency services would enhance Jefferson County's ability to serve its people.

(b) Therefore, the Legislature declares that since Jefferson County is in a unique situation, it is in the public interest that the county commission of Jefferson County be authorized to create a joint emergency services agency.

§2. Authorizing creation of the Jefferson County Joint Emergency Services Agency.

(a) In lieu of creating both an emergency ambulance service authority and a separate county fire association or county fire board, the county commission of Jefferson County may enact an ordinance creating a combined joint emergency services agency to provide emergency services and emergency response services .

(b) The agency shall possess all of the rights and responsibilities conferred upon emergency ambulance service authorities, county fire associations and county fire boards that are not otherwise inconsistent with state law and local ordinance.

§3. Joint Emergency Services Board.

(a) By ordinance, the county commission of Jefferson County may create a Joint Emergency Services Board to oversee the management and control of the agency.

(b) The board shall consist of at least the following individuals who shall be appointed by the county commission:

- (1) A representative from an emergency medical service;
- (2) A representative from a fire protection service; and
- (3) A citizen member who is not employed with an emergency medical service, a fire protection service or the county commission.

(c) All board members shall be residents of Jefferson County.

(d) The board members shall serve for staggered terms of three years and are limited to two consecutive terms. In the event

CHAPTER 7. COUNTY COMMISSIONS AND OFFICERS.
ARTICLE 17. COUNTY FIRE BOARDS.

§7-17-1. Findings.

The Legislature finds that fire protection and saving lives and property are important to the health and welfare of the citizens of the state and that it is desirable for county governments to provide fire protection services to county residents.

§7-17-2. Definitions.

As used in this article unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) "User" means any person to whom fire service is made available under the provisions of this article.
- (2) "County commission" means the county commission or tribunal in lieu thereof of every county within the state of West Virginia as provided in section nine, article nine of the constitution of the state of West Virginia.
- (3) "County fire association" means an association created in section three of this article.
- (4) "County fire board" means that board created in section six of this article.
- (5) "Fire service" means an organization that provides fire prevention and fire protection to a community, the members of such an organization or the fire fighting profession as a whole.
- (6) "Qualified voters" means registered voters who reside in the affected fire service district and are users or prospective users of the fire prevention and fire protection services provided by the fire service under the provisions of this article.

§7-17-3. County fire association creation; prohibiting entrance by a municipality maintaining a full time paid fire department.

The fire departments within each county are hereby authorized to create and establish a county fire association, hereinafter referred to as "fire association." The county fire association is created to discuss fire protection services to address fire protection problems at the county level.

Upon the creation of a fire association, any full-time paid fire department located in a municipality, as defined in section nine, article fifteen, chapter eight of this code is excluded from the provisions of this article.

However, this provision shall not prohibit the county commission or the fire board with the approval of the county commission from contracting with any municipal fire department for fire protection services rendered to the county.

§7-17-4. Management and control vested in the county fire association; appointment.

The management and control of the fire association, its property, operations, business and affairs shall be lodged with the representatives from each state fire commission recognized fire department forming the fire association. For the purpose of forming the membership of the fire association, each fire department shall appoint one representative, by a majority vote of the members of the fire department, to serve on the fire association: *Provided*, That in the event three or less fire departments form the fire association each fire department shall elect two representatives, by a majority vote of the members of each fire department, to serve on the fire association: *Provided, however*, That in the event only one fire department forms the fire association the members of the fire department shall conduct the fire association's business. The members of the fire association shall serve for a term of three years with the initial appointments beginning on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four. If a member resigns or for any other reason his position terminates during his term of membership, a successor shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the represented department to fill out the remainder of the vacated term. Members in office at the expiration of their respective terms shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and have qualified.

§7-17-5. Sale or lease of property; reversion of assets upon dissolution.

The fire association shall fix and determine the terms and conditions of any property or equipment to be leased or sold by the fire association. Upon dissolution of the fire association, all of its assets and property contributed by the county commission shall revert to and become the property of the county for which the board was created.

§7-17-6. County fire board creation and management; membership; terms of members; vacancies.

The county fire association upon two-thirds vote of its membership shall submit an application to the county commission requesting that the county commission create the county fire board. Upon receipt of such application the county commission may by majority vote create such a fire board and if so created the county fire board, if authorized, shall be a corporation. The county fire board shall establish the funding priorities for the fire departments forming the fire association and shall present a list of those priorities to the county commission. However, no fire department or

representative of a fire department who is a member of the fire board or fire association may apply for county funding from the county commission except as provided for in subsection seven, section ten of this article. The bylaws of the county fire board and standards of operation of the fire association shall be submitted to, and approved by, the state fire commission and county commission.

The county fire board shall consist of seven members. The initial appointment to the county fire board shall begin on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four. One county commissioner, chosen by the county commission, shall serve on the board. The county commission shall make the initial appointments to the fire board so that one third of the fire association members and the citizen members to be so appointed shall be appointed for a term of one year, one third of the fire association members and the citizen members shall be appointed for a term of two years and one third of the fire association members and the citizen members shall be appointed for a term of three years. As the term of each such initial appointee expires, the successor to fill the vacancy created by such expired term shall be appointed by the county commission for a term of three years. The county fire association shall submit to the county commission the names of five members of the fire association, three of whom shall be appointed by the county commission to serve a term of three years. Such members are limited to two consecutive terms. Three citizen members shall be appointed by the county commission to serve on the board. The citizen members may not be associated with fire service or the county commission. The citizen members must be residents of the county of which the county fire board is formed and not more than one citizen member may be appointed from the same magisterial district in the county. The citizen members shall serve for a term of three years but are limited to two consecutive terms. If a member resigns or for any other reason his membership terminates during his term of office, a successor shall be appointed from the same representative area to fill out the remainder of his term. Members in office at the expiration of their respective terms shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed and have qualified.

Annually the board shall elect one of its appointed members as chairman and another as vice chairman, and shall appoint a secretary-treasurer. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of four members shall be necessary for any action taken by vote of the board. No vacancy in the membership of the authority shall impair the rights of a quorum by such vote to exercise all the rights and perform all duties of the board.

§7-17-7. Resident requirement of county fire board members; municipality location.

All members of the county fire board shall be residents of the county in which the county fire board is intended to operate. If a county boundary line divides a municipality's city limits, the area of the municipality in which the majority of the municipality's population resides determines the county in which the municipality is located for this purpose.

§7-17-8. Compensation; expenses.

No member of the board may receive any compensation in connection with his services as a member. Each member, however, is entitled to reimbursement by the county fire board for any necessary expenses actually incurred in connection with the performance of his duties. However, not more than one percent of the annual appropriations to the board may be used for administrative expenses by the board.

§7-17-9. Board to be a public corporation.

The county fire board shall constitute and if authorized be created a public corporation under the name provided for in its articles of incorporation and, as such, shall have perpetual succession, may contract with and be contracted with, sue and be sued, and have and use a corporate seal.

§7-17-10. Powers generally.

The county fire board may:

- (1) Make and adopt all necessary bylaws, rules and regulations for its organization and operations not inconsistent with law;
- (2) Elect its own officers, appoint committees and employ and fix compensation for personnel necessary for its operation;
- (3) Enter into contracts with any person, agency, governmental department, firm or corporation, including both public and private corporations, and renew, amend or supplement such contracts;
- (4) Generally do any and all things necessary or convenient for the purpose of improving fire service protection within the area to be served;
- (5) Borrow money, apply for, receive and use grants-in-aid, donations and contributions from any source or sources and accept and use bequests, devises, gifts and donations from any person, firm or corporation;
- (6) Raise funds by the issuance and sale of revenue bonds in the manner provided by law;
- (7) Formulate and present a petition for funds to the county commission: *Provided*, That not more than one percent of such funds be used for purposes other than the prioritized needs of the member departments;

(8) Purchase or otherwise acquire, own, hold, sell and dispose of real and personal property; and

(9) Expend its funds in the execution of the powers and authority herein given, which expenditures, by the means authorized herein, are hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative finding to be for a public purpose and use, in the public interest and for the general welfare of the people of West Virginia.

§7-17-11. Limitations.

County fire associations and county fire boards shall be subject to the authority of the governing body in which said association and boards are primarily located.

§7-17-12. County fire service fees; petition; election; dedication; and increase.

Every county commission which provides fire protection services has plenary power and authority to provide by ordinance for the continuance or improvement of such service, to make regulations with respect thereto and to impose by ordinance, upon the users of such services, reasonable fire service rates, fees and charges to be collected in the manner specified in the ordinance. However, before a county commission can impose by ordinance, upon the users of such service, a reasonable fire service fee, ten percent of the qualified voters shall present a petition duly signed by them in their own handwriting, and filed with the clerk of the county commission directing that the county commission impose such a fee. The county commission shall not have a lien on any property as security for payments due under the ordinance. Any ordinance enacted under the provisions of this section shall be published as a Class II legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the county in which the county fire board is located. In the event thirty percent of the qualified voters of the county by petition duly signed by them in their own handwriting and filed with the clerk of the county commission within forty-five days after the expiration of such publication protest against such ordinance as enacted or amended, the ordinance may not become effective until it is ratified by a majority of the legal votes cast thereon by the qualified voters of such county at any primary, general or special election as the county commission directs. Voting thereon may not take place until after notice of the submission has been given by publication as above provided for the publication of the ordinance after it is adopted. The powers and authority hereby granted to county commissions are in addition to and supplemental to the powers and authority otherwise granted to them by other provisions of this code.

Any fees imposed under this article are dedicated to the county fire board for the purposes provided in this article.

In the event the county fire board determines an increase in any such fee imposed by this section is necessary, it shall by resolution request the county commission for such an increase. Procedures set forth in this section for the initial levy of such a fee shall be followed by the county commission in the event an increase is sought.

§7-17-13. Incurring indebtedness; rights of creditors.

The county fire board may incur any proper indebtedness and issue any obligations and give any security therefor which it considers necessary or advisable in connection with carrying out its purposes as hereinbefore mentioned. No statutory limitation with respect to the nature, or amount, interest rate or duration of indebtedness which may be incurred by municipalities or other public bodies applies to indebtedness of the county fire board.

No indebtedness or obligation incurred by the board shall give any right against any member of the governing body of any participating government or any member of the board. Any obligation or indebtedness of any nature of the board shall never constitute an obligation or indebtedness of any participating government or the governing body of any participating government, within the meaning of any constitutional provision or statutory limitation and shall never constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of any participating government or the governing body of any participating government or be a charge against the general credit or taxing power of any participating government or the governing body of any participating government. The rights of creditors of the board shall be solely against the board as a corporate body and shall be satisfied only out of revenues, moneys or property received or held by it in its corporate capacity.

§7-17-14. Agreements in connection with obtaining funds.

The county fire board may, in connection with obtaining funds for its purposes, enter into any agreement with any person, firm or corporation, including the federal government; or any agency or subdivision thereof, containing provisions, covenants, terms and conditions as the county fire board considers advisable.

§7-17-15. Property, bonds and obligations of authority exempt from taxation.

The county fire board is exempt from the payment of any taxes or fees to the state or any subdivision thereof or to any officer or employee of the state or other subdivision thereof. The property of the county fire board is exempt from all local and municipal taxes. Bonds, notes, debentures and other evidence of indebtedness of the county fire board are declared to be issued for a public purpose and to be public instrumentalities and are exempt from taxes.

§7-17-16. Appropriations authorized.

The county commission and any municipality therein, or any one or more of them, jointly and severally, may contribute by appropriation from any funds available, to the cost of the operation and projects of the county fire board.

§7-17-17. Contributions by county commissions, municipalities and others; funds and accounts; reports; audit and examination of books, records and accounts and penalties.

Contributions may be made to the county fire board from time to time by the county commission of the county or any municipal corporation therein, and by any persons, firms or corporations which desire to do so. All such funds and all other funds received by the county fire board shall be deposited in such bank or banks as the county fire board may direct and shall be withdrawn therefrom in such manner as the county fire board may direct. The county fire board shall keep strict account of all its receipts and expenditures and shall each quarter make a quarterly report to the county commission and municipalities containing an itemized statement of its receipts and disbursements during the preceding quarter. Within sixty days after the end of each fiscal year, the county fire board shall make an annual report containing an itemized statement of its receipts and disbursements for the preceding fiscal year. The annual report shall be published as a Class 1 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code and the publication area for such publication shall be the county in which the county fire board is located. The books, records and accounts of the board are subject to audit and examination by the office of the state tax commissioner of West Virginia and by any other proper public official or body in the manner provided by law. For failure to comply with the provisions of this section the county fire board shall be fined not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars.

§7-17-18. Sale or lease of property; reversion of assets upon dissolution.

The county fire board shall fix and determine the terms and conditions of any property or equipment to be leased or sold by the county fire board. Upon the dissolution of the county fire board, all of its assets and property shall revert to and become the property of the county for which the board was created.

§7-17-19. Employees to be covered by workers' compensation.

All employees of the county fire board eligible thereto are considered to be within the Workers' Compensation Act of West Virginia, and premiums on their compensation shall be paid by the county fire board as required by law.

§7-17-20. Liberal construction of article.

It is the purpose of this article to provide for the improvement, development and advancement of fire protection services within the counties and this article shall be liberally construed as giving to the county fire board full and complete power reasonably required to give effect to the purposes hereof.

SIGN-IN SHEET FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE JCESA

Type of Meeting: Regular / Special

Meeting Date: August 13, 2020

Location: Independent Fire Company, 200 W. 2nd Ave., Ranson, WV 25438 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Board Members: (Please Print)

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| 1 - <u>Robert FAS</u> | 2 - <u>Tuvia Jackson</u> | 3 - <u>Craig Simpson</u> |
| 4 - <u>Robert Anthony T</u> | 5 - <u>Elliot Simon</u> | 6 - <u>Ronnie Shotts</u> |
| 7 - _____ | 8 - _____ | 9 - _____ |
| 10 - _____ | 11 - _____ | 12 - _____ |
- * ESA BD Member

OTHERS: Please sign below for the record of attendance. If you want to speak at the public comment section, please mark where indicated. **(Limit 5 minutes per person) ** Note:* Not all meetings will have public comments per the - WV Open Meetings Act.

Name: (Please Print)	Representing	Would Like to Speak	
		YES	NO
1 - <u>Earl G Logle JR</u>	<u>BRMVFC</u>	_____	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
* 2 - <u>Allen Keyser</u>	<u>ESA</u>	_____	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 - <u>Ross L. MORGAN</u>	<u>SUFD</u>	_____	_____ ? _____
4 - <u>Marshall Denton</u>	<u>SUFD</u>	_____	_____
5 - <u>E.D. Smith</u>	<u>IFC</u>	_____	_____
6 - <u>Mike Mead</u>	<u>MVFC</u>	_____	_____
7 - <u>Bradley Fritts</u>	<u>BFD</u>	_____	_____ ? _____
* 8 - <u>M. Trer</u>	<u>ESA</u>	_____	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
* 9 - <u>Jane Tabb</u>	<u>ESA</u>	_____	_____
10 - <u>Robert Horn</u>	<u>ESA</u>	_____	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 - <u>K-Sing</u>	<u>FFC</u>	_____	_____
12 - <u>DAN MALAMAS</u>	<u>MVFC</u>	_____	_____
* 13 - <u>Anthony Traxel</u>	<u>ESA</u>	_____	_____
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