

EMS System Oversight Committee Meeting
March 12, 2009
EOC Conference Room

Members/Liaisons Present: Faye Barefoot, Tom Czapliski, Jimmy Garris, Kyle Willis, David Lusk , Ted Delbridge MD, Jack White, Duane Holder (called in on phone), Chuck Owens, Jack Cote

Staff Present: Noel Lee, Scott Elliott, Helen Bryant, Janis Gallagher, Melonie Bryan

Absent: Juan March, MD

Open: Chairman David Lusk called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda: Jimmy Garris made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jack White seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Items for Report:

QM Report: Kyle Willis reported that QM Committee will meet on April 1.

PCEM Report: No report.

Items for Consent:

Approval of Minutes: Kyle Willis made the motion to approve the minutes of February 12. Jimmy Garris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kyle Willis made the motion to approve the Data Report and Financials, Jimmy Garris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ayden Bell Arthur Eastern Pines Falkland Farmville Fountain Grifton PCEMS-21 PCEMS-24 Winterville

Contract	HB	HB	HB	HB	JC	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB
	8/8/2008	7/23/2008	7/29/2008	8/7/2008	8/19/2008	7/16/2008	7/30/2008	N/A	N/A	7/24/2008
Updated Roster/BOD/Officers	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	9/9/08	8/28/08	9/3/05	9/2/08	8/28/08	8/26/2008	12/29/2008	8/28/2008	8/28/2008	8/25/2008
990 Tax Return/Exemption	pending IRS	pending IRS	JC	pending IRS	pending IRS	JC	pending IRS	JC/MB	JC/MB	JC
	submission ok	submission ok	1/21/2009	submission ok	submission ok	11/10/2008	submission ok	8/20/2008	8/20/2008	9/30/2008
Fiscal Year End Statement	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	8/15/08	9/3/05	9/2/08	9/2/08	9/2/08	8/26/2008	9/12/08	8/28/08	8/28/08	7/23/08
Annual Vehicle Inventory	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	9/9/08	8/28/08	9/3/05	9/2/08	8/28/08	8/1/2008	7/31/08	8/27/08	8/27/08	7/1/08
Certificate of Insurance	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	8/1/08	8/12/08	8/12/08	8/1/2008	8/12/08	8/1/2008	8/1/2008	8/1/2008	8/1/2008	8/12/08
Monthly Expenditure Report	JC	JC	JC	MB	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	1/9/09	1/22/09	1/30/09	**	2/3/09	1/26/09	1/22/09	1/14/09	1/14/09	1/20/2009
Monthly Vehicle Log	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	1/2/09	1/21/09	1/30/09	2/9/09	1/6/09	1/16/2009	1/23/09	1/15/09	1/15/09	1/20/2009
Monthly Service Data Report	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	1/2/09	1/21/09	1/30/09	2/9/09	1/6/09	1/16/2009	1/13/09	1/15/09	1/15/09	1/20/2009
Monthly PCR's	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	2/10/09	1/16/09	1/30/09	2/10/09	2/4/09	1/30/09	1/16/09	1/16/09	1/16/09	1/30/09
Monthly Run Log	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC	JC
	1/2/09	1/29/09	1/20/09	2/9/09	1/6/09	1/20/2009	1/23/09	1/15/09	1/15/09	1/20/2009
Approved for Release of Funds	JC/NL	JC/NL	JC/NL	MB	JC/NL	JC/NL	JC/NL	JC/NL	JC/NL	JC/NL
	2/10/09	1/29/09	1/30/09	**	2/4/09	1/30/09	1/30/09	N/A	N/A	1/30/09

This report is for the **February 12th, 2009** meeting and reflects annual submissions to date (1-30-09) as well as the monthly requirements for December **2008** for release of February **2009** funds.

* = these stations had outstanding DECEMBER PCR's during the reconciliation performed in January 2009. The date shown reflects when all PCR's were accounted for by PCEM.

** = Funding for this station is now a county responsibility and directly tracked by the finance department.

Items for Discussion:

Coastal Medical Transport: Noel Lee reported that on April 17, 2007, Coastal Medical Transport submitted an application for a Non-Emergency Franchise to provide non-emergency services in Pitt County. This application was reviewed by the newly formed Emergency Medical Services Oversight Committee (EMS-OC) on July 26, 2007. The EMS-OC denied the application due to deficiencies in the application. On January 26, 2009, Tim Bazemore, owner of Coastal Medical Transport, requested he be given a chance to correct the deficiencies. Mr. Bazemore stated he was not given a chance to correct the deficiencies as were other non-emergency companies when they first applied. Mr. Bazemore submitted an updated application on February 11, 2009. The updated application of Coastal Medical Transport was given to the EMS-OC on February 12, 2009 for their review.

Motion: Jimmy Garris made the motion to recommend to the Pitt Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to grant Coastal Medical Transport a Non-Emergency Franchise to provide non-emergency services in Pitt County as long as the following requirements are met:

1. Provide location of Coastal Medical Transport in Pitt County and contacts for the office in Pitt County. (Contract or pending contract with owner or realtor of property to be utilized)
2. Provide proof of insurance for:
 - General Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 umbrella for a total of \$3,000,000
 - Vehicle Liability: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 umbrella for a total of \$3,000,000.
 - Professional liability, errors and omissions: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 umbrella for a total of \$3,000,000.
3. Copy of FCC Licenses
4. Documentation of annual employee drivers training.
5. Documentation of annual employee Blood Borne Pathogen and Infectious Control training.
6. Documentation of annual employee HIPPA training.
7. All Coastal Medical Transport Employees providing non-emergency services in Pitt County meet the requirements and be medically boarded by the Pitt County Medical Director.
8. Coastal Medical Transport meet all requirements set forth by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to provide non-emergency services in Pitt County.

Duane Holder seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes

Faye Barefoot

Duane Holder

David Lusk

Jimmy Garris

Jack White

Kyle Willis

Tom Czaplinski- recused himself due to his association with PCMH and East Care.

NO

Jack Cote

For-6

Against-1

Abstained-1

Motion passed.

County Staff Recommendation on EMS Budget:

Noel Lee made the presentation. The recommendation was prepared by County Manager, Emergency Management, and Members of Management Team.

(Plan to Stabilize Pitt County EMS System FY 09-10 Budget” Power Point Attached). Noel reported that county staff set criteria for making the recommendation and set a standard for the cost of readiness, personnel and operation costs.

Recommendation to Stabilize Pitt County EMS System

- Reduce Credit Lines to Zero Balance Within Current FY 08-09 Budget
- Disallow the Use of Credit Lines to Increase a Non-Profit Squads Budget
- Consolidate Falkland and Fountain EMS
 - Board of Directors of Fountain and Falkland EMS Meet to Discuss Consolidation
 - Form Joint Board of Directors
 - Election of EMS Officers
 - Combine rosters
 - Combine efforts to become one squad
- Consideration for Fountain and Falkland EMS to Become County Operated
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 - Use contingency funds for district to become county operated

Plan to Stabilize Pitt County
EMS System
FY 09-10 Budget

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- Prepared in Response to EMS-OC Motion on March 3, 2009
 - County Staff was Directed to Return with Recommendation Based on Information Presented by Squads and System Data
 - Recommendation Prepared by County Manager, Emergency Management, and Members of Management Team

Stabilize Pitt County EMS System

- Projected EMS Revenues for FY 09-10
 - \$4,125,443
- EMS Squad Requests for FY 09-10 Including Administrative
 - \$4,542,023
- Funding Gap
 - **\$416,580** (Includes \$42,400 in 1x “issues)

Definition of a Stabilized EMS System

- Lives Within Available EMS Revenue
 - \$4,125,443
- Includes Standardized Funding Formula
- Includes Contingency Funding

Options Considered by County Staff

- Tax Increase
 - Not Viable – present economy
 - Use of General Fund's Fund Balance
 - Not Viable – short term/one time funding of a recurring expense
 - Equal Reduction of Budget by All Squads
 - Not Viable - inadequate funding for squads
 - Peak Time
 - Not Viable – does not save enough funds
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Options Considered by County Staff

- Equalized Funding
 - Review of all Squad Budgets by Line Item
 - Develop Base Salary, Operations, Reimbursement for calls based on Year 2008
 - See Attachment - Cost of Readiness with 10 Squads FY 09-10 (8 non-profits 2 County)
- Consolidation of Squads
 - Creates Year to Year Savings of funds

Equalized Funding for Readiness

- Set Standard Personnel Services for Non-Profits
- Set Standard for Operations for Non-Profits
- Set Pay for Calls based on Year 2008
- See Attachment – Cost of Readiness with 10 Squads FY 09-10 (8 non-profits 2 County)

Utilization Rate and Cost

Squad	Square Miles	Dispatched Calls	Completed Calls and No Transports	Annual Hours From Received to Complete	Utilization Rate	Cost Per Dispatch	Cost per Billable call
Ayden	80.23	1717	1464	1498	17.10%	231.14	271.08
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%	363.00	508.51
Bethel	91.29	1031	865	1024	11.69%	419.39	499.87
Eastern Pines	93.79	1589	1223	1529	17.45%	223.99	291.02
Falkland	66.74	760	599	757	8.64%	357.37	453.42
Farmville	38.66	1495	1495	1313	14.99%	239.10	254.96
Fountain	26.24	330	186	304	3.47%	1,017.80	1805.78
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%	362.82	413.62
Pactolus	97.46	749	621	860	9.82%	577.29	696.28
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	17.45%	224.06	323.36

Cost of Readiness with 8 Non-Profit Squads FY 09-10 Plus County Squads

Squad	Completed Calls and No Transports for Year 2008	Equalized Personnel Services	Equalized Operations	Reimbursement for Completed Calls and No Transports @ \$20.00 per call	Standardized Formula FY 09-10	EMS Squad Requested Net Funding for FY 09-10 from County	Funding for FY 09-10
Ayden	1464	291,232	40,000	30,120	\$360,512	391,880	\$360,512
Bell Arthur**	691	291,232	40,000	13,900	\$345,052	403,476	\$345,052
Bethel	865	291,232	40,000	16,660	\$348,532	392,500	\$392,500
Eastern Pines***	1223	291,232	40,000	23,920	\$355,692	391,624	\$355,692
Falkland	599	291,232	40,000	13,280	\$343,212	399,082	\$343,212
Farmville	1402	291,232	40,000	25,020	\$359,272	389,840	\$359,272
Fountain	186	291,232	40,000	5,280	\$334,952	370,780	\$334,952
Grifton	757	291,232	40,000	14,760	\$346,372	360,796	\$346,372
Pactolus	621	291,232	40,000	12,400	\$343,652	392,500	\$392,500
Winterville	1126	291,232	40,000	24,900	\$353,752	370,700	\$353,752

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NOT RECOMMENDED

Criteria Considered for Consolidation

- **Adjacent EMS Response District**
 - Districts must be adjoining
 - **Square Miles of EMS Response District**
 - Not to be greater than largest
 - **Dispatched Calls**
 - Not to be greater than highest
 - **Completed Calls**
 - Not to be greater than highest
 - **Utilization Rate**
 - Not to be greater than highest
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Criteria Considered for Consolidation

Considerations for Consolidation

Squad	Miles	Dispatches	Completed	Hours	UR
Ayden	80.23	<u>1717</u>	<u>1464</u>	1498	17.10%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Bethel	91.29	1031	865	1024	11.69%
Eastern Pines	93.79	1589	1223	1529	<u>17.45%</u>
Falkland	66.74	760	599	757	8.64%
Farmville	38.66	1495	1402	1313	14.99%
Fountain	26.24	330	186	304	3.47%
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%
Pactolus	<u>97.46</u>	749	621	860	9.82%
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	<u>17.45%</u>

Squads Considered for Consolidation

Squad	Miles	Dispatches	Completed	Hours	UR
Ayden	80.23	1717	1464	1498	17.10%
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%
Total	127.21	2580	2221	2406	27.47%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Farmville	38.66	1495	1402	1313	14.99%
Total	79.22	2463	2093	2029	23.16%
Farmville	38.66	1495	1402	1313	14.99%
Fountain	26.24	330	186	304	3.47%
Total	64.9	1825	1588	1617	18.46%
Fountain	26.24	330	186	304	3.47%
Falkland	66.74	760	599	757	8.64%
Total	92.98	1090	785	1061	12.11%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	17.45%
Total	83.37	2593	1817	2245	25.63%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Falkland	66.74	760	599	757	8.64%
Total	107.3	1728	1290	1473	16.82%

Consolidation of Farmville/Fountain

Squad	Miles	Dispatches	Completed	Hours	UR
Ayden	80.23	1717	1464	1498	17.10%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Bethel	91.29	1031	865	1024	11.69%
Eastern Pines	93.79	1589	1223	1529	17.45%
Falkland	66.74	760	599	757	8.64%
Farmville/Fountain	64.90	1825	1588	1617	18.46%
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%
Pactolus	97.46	749	621	860	9.82%
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	17.45%

This combination exceeds recommended # dispatches, # completed calls and utilization rate.

Consolidation of Bell Arthur/Falkland and Consolidation of Farmville/Fountain

Squad	Miles	Dispatches	Completed	Hours	UR
Ayden	80.23	1717	1464	1498	17.10%
Bell Arthur/Falkland	107.30	1728	1290	1473	16.82%
Bethel	91.29	1031	865	1024	11.69%
Eastern Pines	93.79	1589	1223	1529	17.45%
Farmville/Fountain	64.90	1825	1588	1617	18.46%
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%
Pactolus	97.46	749	621	860	9.82%
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	17.45%

Both of these potential consolidations exceeds 1 or more of the criteria considered for a consolidation.

Consolidation of Fountain/Falkland

Squad	Miles	Dispatches	Completed	Hours	UR
Ayden	80.23	1717	1464	1498	17.10%
Bell Arthur	40.56	968	691	716	8.17%
Bethel	91.29	1031	865	1024	11.69%
Eastern Pines	93.79	1589	1223	1529	17.45%
Falkland/Fountain	92.98	1090	785	1061	12.11%
Farmville	38.66	1495	1402	1313	14.99%
Grifton	46.98	863	757	908	10.37%
Pactolus	97.46	749	621	860	9.82%
Winterville	42.81	1625	1126	1529	17.45%

This combination does NOT exceed any criteria considered for consolidation.

Consolidation of Falkland/Fountain

- Meets Criteria Considered for Consolidation
 - Adjacent Response Districts
 - Square Mileage
 - Not larger than any existing response district
 - Dispatched Calls
 - Not higher than any squad
 - Completed Calls
 - Not higher than any squad
 - Utilization Rate
 - Not higher than any squad

Recommendation to Stabilize Pitt County EMS System

- Reduce Credit Lines to Zero Balance Within Current FY 08-09 Budget
- Disallow the Use of Credit Lines to Increase a Non-Profit Squads Budget
- Consolidate Falkland and Fountain EMS
- See Attachment Cost of Readiness with 9 Squads FY 09-10 (7 Non-Profits and 2 County Squads)

Recommendation to Stabilize Pitt County EMS System

■ Pros

- Reduces Cost
- Creates System Supported by Existing Revenues

■ Cons

- Impacts Response Times
- Creates Potential Community Out Cry

Cost of Readiness with 7 Non-Profit Squads FY 09-10 Plus County Squads

Squad	Completed Calls and No Transports for Year 2008	Equalized Personnel Services *	Equalized Operations	Reimbursement for Completed Calls and No Transports @ \$55.00 per call	Standardized Formula FY 09-10	EMS Squads Requested Net Funding for FY 09-10 from County	Funding for FY 09-10
Ayden	1464	291,232	40,000	80,520	411,752	391,880	391,880
Bell Arthur **	691	291,232	40,000	38,005	369,237	403,476	369,237
Bethel	865	291,232	40,000	47,575	378,807	392,500	378,807
Eastern Pines***	1223	291,232	40,000	67,265	398,497	391,624	391,624
Farmville	1402	291,232	40,000	77,110	408,342	389,840	389,840
Grifton	757	291,232	40,000	41,635	372,867	360,796	360,796
Pactolus	621	291,232	40,000	34,155	365,387	392,500	365,387
Winterville	1126	291,232	40,000	61,930	393,162	370,700	370,700
Falk/Fountain	785	291,232	40,000	43,175	374,407	770,582	374,407
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NOT RECOMMENDED

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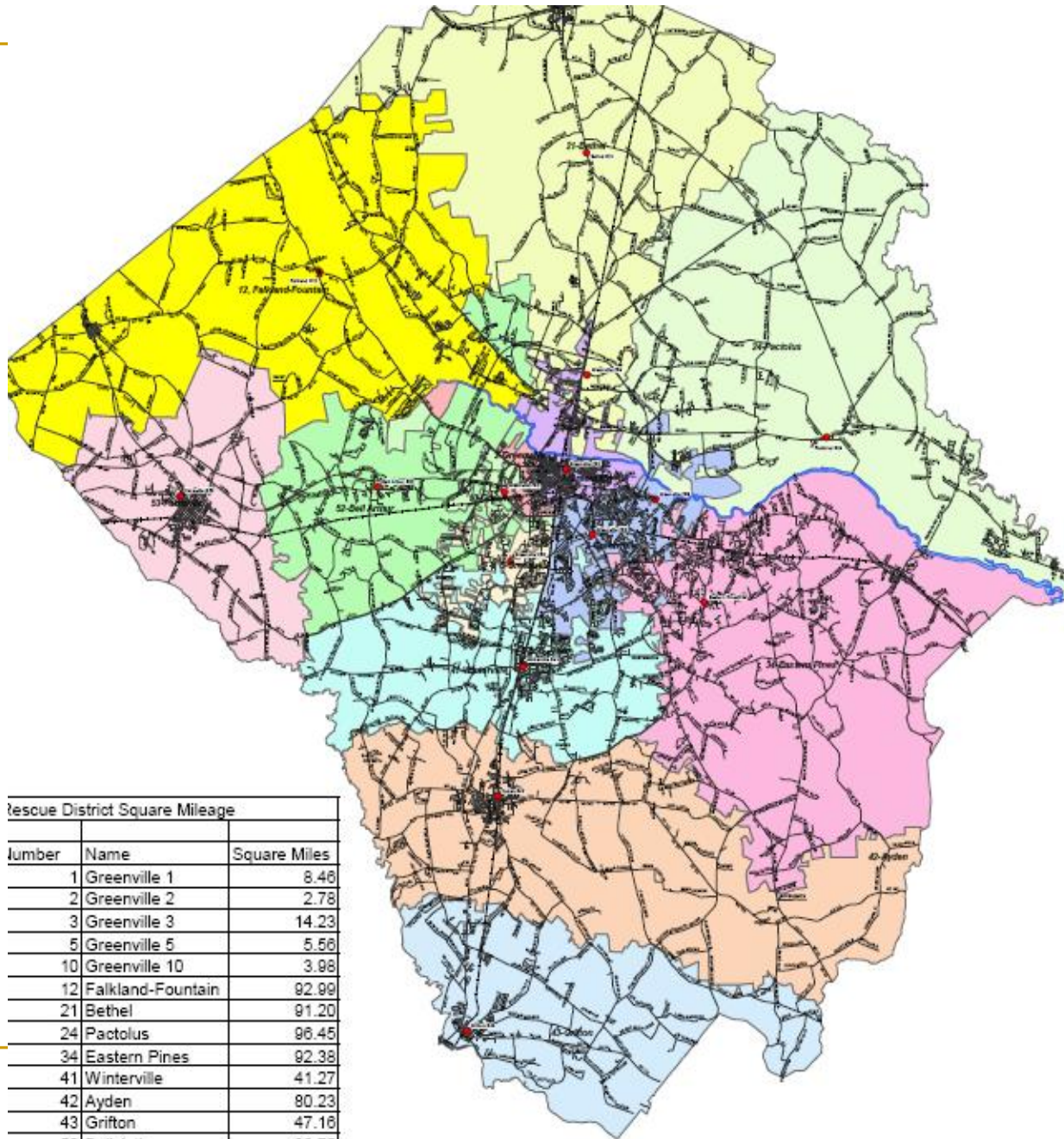
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Recommendation to Stabilize Pitt County EMS System

- BOD's of Fountain and Falkland EMS Meet to Discuss Consolidation
 - Form Joint Board of Director's
 - Election of EMS Officers
 - Combine rosters
 - Combine efforts to become one squad

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- Consideration for Fountain and Falkland EMS to Become County Operated
 - If Fountain and Falkland cannot reach an acceptable agreement by April 30, 2009
 - Use contingency funds for district to become county operated



Discussion:

Tom Czaplinski – What is consolidation?

Noel replied that it is used in this context as two squads coming together to form one squad.

David Lusk asked how can the county force two squads to become one. Janis Gallagher, Legal, responded that the county cannot force the squads to consolidate. Noel added that the county statutorily has an obligation to provide EMS services.

Scott Elliott reported that the recommendation has to go to the County Commissioners for approval. With this recommendation you will have some degradation in response time but it does not exceed the highest response time in the county.

Kyle Willis reported that it normally takes 2-3 years to consolidate squads, and we will only have 2 months before July 1.

David Lusk asked if staff have a sense of how the squads feel regarding the recommendation. Scott reported that the meeting with the squads was only to give them a heads up on the recommendation before the meeting tonight.

Ted Delbridge asked if the county has a call density map. Noel replied that we do have the maps but in the dense areas you will have one big red dot and it may not be very helpful.

Chuck Owens asked which of the system performance objectives in the Fitch Study was used to develop the recommendation.

Noel responded that you have to decide if you want a budget driven system or a performance driven system.

David Lusk reported that last year the committee sent the recommendation to the commissioners with the original requests from the squads and the commissioners sent it back to the committee with a request to cut the budget.

Melonie Bryan reported that the FY08-09 budget was \$4.1 mil and the FY07-08 budget was \$3.6 mil. This is an increase of 13-14% and we cannot afford this rate of increase each year. We have to design a system that is sustainable.

Kyle Willis reported that we have not had a study that has determined that a system can operate on \$.04 tax rate. The cheapest one is \$.06 and goes all the way to \$.15.

Jimmy Garris reported that we have a 7.5 rate = 4.4 tax rate + \$.03 offset by billing/collections. Even if this is not ideal we may have to live with this recommendation. Mr. Garris said he is not inclined to raise taxes again this year. The EMS budget was increased 13%-14% last year.

David Lusk requested that the committee allow the squads to speak.

Mecie Nichols reported that it is unfortunate that it has come to this but Falkland EMS will work together with Fountain. Falkland has struggled the last few months. We do not like being put in this situation pitting us against Fountain. This is just a stepping stone to consolidation.

George Bell of Fountain EMS reported that this recommendation is the same scenario as when the crime rate goes up that you reduce the police force. This will lessen services in the area and one cannot put a price tag on life by reducing the amount of service and the response time. George reported that he does not feel this is the resolution to the problem.

Jimmy Garris responded that he will not put a price tag on life.

Motion: Kyle Willis made the motion to table the decision to the April 9 meeting date on this recommendation, and for this committee to establish a meeting in the Falkland and Fountain area to hear from the citizens and town boards. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion: Jimmy Garris made the motion to adopt the County Staff's presentation "Recommendation to Stabilize Pitt County's EMS System" and ask that the Board of Directors of Fountain and Falkland EMS meet to discuss consolidation, joint Board of Director's, election of EMS Officers, combine rosters, and combine efforts to become one squad and have them (Fountain and Falkland) report back at the April 9, 2009 meeting. Faye Barefoot seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Ted Delbridge asked if it would be appropriate to ask staff to do an assessment of how this change will affect other EMS departments. This may be an opportune time to adjust boundary lines.

Kyle Willis reported that the proposed change will increase Bell Arthur's call volume.

Kyle Willis asked what the status of Pactolus EMS building lease is with Pactolus Fire Department. Scott Elliott responded that it is being handled by the county commissioners and they are still in negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the EOC Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bryant, Secretary