

**EMS Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**EOC Conference Room**

**Attendance:** Charles Mayo, Kiplan Clemmons, Jo Morgan, Jim McArthur (phone), McKenzie Newkirk, Commissioner Ann Floyd Huggins, Michael Brown, George Bell, Brian Barnett, Jordan Smith, Brock Davenport, Jeff White, Randy Gentry, Angela Brown

**Opening:** Dr. Brown called the meeting to order.

**Prayer:** Charles Mayo led the group in prayer.  
pledge (on phone).

**Pledge:** Jim McArthur led the

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** George Bell made a correction: Rescue Association meeting is January 14. Charles Mayo made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion approved.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** George Bell made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

**Introductions:** Dr. Brown introduced:  
Jeff White, representative for Non-E Franchises.  
McKenzie Newkirk-PCC  
Brock Davenport-City of Greenville

**EMS Squads Comments to the EMS-OC** No one signed up.

**Items for Report:**

- Medical Director – Dr. Roberto Portela-Absent
- EMS/Rescue Association – George Bell reported the association meeting is next Tuesday in Bell Arthur.
- Greenville Fire & Rescue – Brock Davenport reported the City is hiring paramedics and EMTs for peak time truck (EMS 9). It will be primarily running calls in the hospital district 8-5.
- PCC EMS Training – McKenzie Newkirk reported PCC is running EMT basic classes, advanced EMT class begins in February. PCC will be kicking off online NCCR training.
- EM Director – Randy Gentry reported AVLs will go live Monday, January 13, will pilot a 90 day period, as an adjustment period. Emergency Management is asking squads to give feedback.  
Charles Mayo asked if squads have had training. Randy responded squads have had training and have been using system 45 days.

- EMS Coordinator Report - Jim McArthur reported that EMS33 ran 515 calls from January 15, 2019 through December 31, 2019. During that same time period GFR responded to county mutual aid 196 times; for the same period in 2018 it was 458. This is a 76% decrease during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The total decrease in GFR responses is 58% for the calendar year following implementation of EMS33. EMS33 has been a very positive resource that we have implemented.  
Jo Morgan\_ At the last meeting we talked about Community Paramedic and she asked for an update Jim McArthur reported that Emergency Management will be asking for a fulltime position for community paramedic in the new budget year. He reported this will be a part of the budget process that will be presented at the March meeting.
- Financial Report: Brian Barnett reported the Audit is in the packet for 2017/2018. Budgets will be presented at the March meeting. EMS fund is showing a reduction in transport revenue. Since mid-2018 revenues have been dropping. Half year revenues are at 40-45% collections. Staff has met to look at solutions. Dr. Brown asked if there is any idea as to why revenue is down. Brian reported there will be budget and year end challenges.  
Charles Mayo asked is it is operational needs? Capital dollars were rolled over as we were going through remount 2 years ago. Jim McArthur reported that half of the capital dollars have been spent on implementing the AVL project. Charles Mayo asked if these expenses will continue into this year. Jim McArthur reported there will be maintenance and the addition of one or two vehicles as vehicles are being replaced in the fleet All vehicles were outfitted including medical director's vehicle. Even the ambulances that the county does not own received the AVLs.

### **Items for Decision**

- EMS-OC Ordinance- Dr. Michael Brown reported the committee periodically reviews the ordinance. It was last reviewed in 2014. A subcommittee was formed to include Dr. Portela, George Bell, Dr. Brown, Jordan Smith and Jim McArthur.

Included in the packet is a draft of the EMS Oversight Committee Ordinance and the Non-Emergency Franchise Ordinance with the original and a red line draft.

Looked at updating Language, updated requirements, the biggest change is the Franchise Ordinance was removed from the EMS Oversight Committee is because things that involve payment require a public hearing. Also it is recommended to add the Public Health Director to the makeup of the EMS Oversight Committee meeting.

In D3, Jo Morgan asked for clarification of "its Liaison" which is Commissioner Anne Huggins.

Jeff White reported that other counties require the agency to show that there is a "need to be met" whereas Pitt County's ordinance is an "open door".

Commissioner Huggins reported the commissioners support the “open door” for non-e franchises.

Jeff White reported that home health agencies are required to have a certificate of need to operate in area. Medicaid and Medicare both require the certificate of need.

Jim reported this has come up several times. NCOEMS does not have a requirement for a “certificate of need.” Historically the commissioners have felt that the market dictates the need in the county.

Jeff White reported that he has been systems where transports fall back on the counties when the county does not have viable resources.

Charles Mayo asked if it would be beneficial to look at counties that experienced a failure of their non- emergency franchises. He reported he is looking for general data re: how many units per population.

Dr. Brown reported that an ad-hoc committee can be formed at a later date.

Jo Morgan asked for information as to how many non-emergency franchises are in Pitt County. Dr. Brown said he would get this information for her.

**Motion Called to question: Ordinance 4 and 5. Ordinance passed.**

#### **Questions/Comments from EMS-OC Members**

Jeff White reported he has been with nonemergency medical transport for about thirty plus years. He is CFO with Medex Transport.

#### **Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Brown**

**/hbb**

**Note: Next regular scheduled meeting of EMS Oversight Committee,  
March 12, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the EOC**