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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee
December 16, 2014**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chris Granger, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Granger, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Deputy County Administrator
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fire and Rescue Association
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Office of Management and Budget
- Chief Tom Billington, DFREM
- Mr. Paul Mercer, FCSO
- Mr. Darren Stevens, DFREM
- Mr. Sam Tilley, W.P.D.
- Ray Acors, FCSO
- Mr. Micah Meadows, FCSO
- Tom Pavelko, Staff

3./4. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Granger moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stribling. All in favor.

5. Communications Report

Micah Meadows of the FCSO provided November 2014 statistics for the communications center. He also advised that engineers have been on site conducting analysis for enhancements to the 911 system. They expect to have an RFP ready sometime in the Spring of 2015. Mr. Granger inquired if infrastructure costs associated with supporting Rappahannock and Culpeper Counties could be quantified. Mr. Meadows indicated it is currently a split between all three jurisdictions based on population. Katie Heritage informed the committee that costs for all jurisdictions will be included on the RFP.

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6. Bi-Directional Amplifiers

As part of the 911 system enhancement, Mr. Meadows indicated that engineers have mentioned that some localities are drafting ordinances for building codes that include the requirement for bi-directional amplifiers for large buildings such as commercial, hospitals and schools. Mr. Stribling suggested checking with surrounding jurisdictions to see how they are dealing with this issue. Engineers suggested these devices cost anywhere from \$50,000 - \$300,000.

7. Active Shooter

Paul Mercer indicated that the Sheriff's Office has been working with the schools and DFREM to participate in an active shooter drill sometime in June 2015. Due to the lack of over time expenses, the drill has been pushed to July 2015. However, there is no additional funding in their budget to cover these additional over time expenses which could be as much as \$7,000. This includes participation by 25 deputies with eight hours of over-time pay. Mr. Stribling requested they defer the matter until next meeting to allow time for the BOS and the budget department to discuss the matter.

8. SAFER Grant

Tom Billington of DFREM confirmed that the SAFER grant funding has been pushed back. There has been some interest by the Town of Warrenton to apply for this grant together with the County. However, research indicates that they do not accept joint applications for these types of grants so that could be a moot point. Mr. Billington requested guidance on whether or not the County should apply for the grant when it becomes available. Mr. Stribling suggested this be placed on the January agenda of the BOS work session to further discuss the implications of the grant.

9. Pharmacy Billing

Tom Billington was made aware of the possibility that Life Point Corporation who recently purchased the Fauquier Hospital, may start charging fire and rescue companies for medication to re-stock ambulances. This could be a costly proposition for the companies, should they decide to follow through with this. Mr. Billington has scheduled a meeting with the hospital to discuss the matter. Deputy County Administrator, Katie Heritage will also attend on behalf of the County.

10. Ambulance Replacement Update

This is a recurring place holder for this topic. Tom Marable indicated there have been no changes or updates to provide since the last meeting.

11. Fire Station Connectivity

Katie Heritage advised that the Information Technology Department would like to begin migrating fire companies away from their ISDN lines as soon as possible. They have tied this into their budget as a new initiative. Discussions between I.T. and the FRA on how to complete this transition have been ongoing. Currently, the County intends to fund the transition and installation of the new equipment and the fire companies will pay the monthly fees for their connectivity. Further discussions on this proposed arrangement are ongoing.

12. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mr. Granger called for adjournment at 5:45 pm. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 9th day of January, 2015

*Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff
Fauquier County Public Safety Committee*