

APPROVED

**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee
June 20, 2023**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman, Chris Butler, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Butler, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Lee District)
- Mr. Rick Gerhardt, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Cedar Run District)
- Mr. Scott Hook, Commonwealth Attorney
- Sheriff Jeremy Falls, FCSO
- Ms. Janelle Downes, Interim County Administrator
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Tracy Gallehr, County Attorney
- Mr. Kalvyn Smith, Chief, DFREM
- Ms. Mallory Stribling, Office of Management and Budget
- Joelle Kight, FCSO
- Mr. Kevin Swain, VFRA
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Department of Human Resources
- Ms. Carrie Horvath, Department of Human Resources
- Mr. Kenneth Neam, IAFF Local 3762
- Mr. Scott Chamberlin, IAFF Local 3762
- Mr. Alex Anderson, IAFF Local 3762
- Ms. Natasha Lorenzen, DFREM
- Mr. John Kane
- Mr. Dale Kidwell
- Mr. Jim Weeks
- Mr. Jim Weeks, V
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Supervisor Butler moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Gerhardt.

4. Communications Committee Updates

Joell Kight from the Sheriff's Office Communications Division presented 911 call data for the month of May 2023. The Communications Committee will meet again in July. She also advised that Harris Corp. will be on-site in the near future to adjust/repair the microwave signal device. Supervisor Butler requested a full radio system update from Chuck Kuhler at the July PSC meeting. Erin Kozanecki indicated that Harris Corp is supposed to have all work complete by July as the warranty period expires, otherwise it will be extended.

5. Lois VFD Renovation Update

Supervisor Gerhardt advised that he recently met with Chief Smith and Tom Marable regarding a renovation of the Lois station. Funding and design options were discussed. Mr. Gerhardt stressed the importance of involving members of the Lois VFD in the process as it moves forward. He indicated that he has received exterior drawings and elevations for the proposal. Mr. Weeks advised the renovation is necessary to accommodate 24-hour staffing coverage. Chief Smith indicated the new design should accommodate up to 20 beds. Mallory Stribling indicated that FRA capital reserve funds would be most appropriate to support this project. Lois members will review the proposal and provide comments as necessary.

6. Volunteer Staffing Mechanism Update

Chief Kane advised they are researching two different apps that would show real time staffing and communication for the volunteers. Chief Smith indicated they are still working to address coverage gaps among volunteer and career staff.

7. Chapter 9 Rewrite

Chief Smith advised that the FRA held a retreat to discuss and further draft the Chapter 9 document. Each department was represented, and good progress was made. There was general interest in keeping the FRA intact at the conclusion of the retreat. The document will be presented at the next Chief's meeting on July 6 in an attempt to finalize the process. Chief Kane indicated that the funding issues have been addressed. Supervisor Butler reiterated the importance of volunteers and their assistance to ensure quality customer service. He is hopeful the document can be completed prior to January when the new B.O.S. convenes.

8. I66 Blocking Vehicle

Supervisor Butler requested data on the availability of emergency vehicle blocking for incidents on the County's major roadways including Route 66. Natasha Lorezen from DFREM stated that there have been approximately 72 incidents on the interstate and 30% of the time, those units operated without blocking equipment. They are exploring options to address the shortfall including reallocation of resources and requesting VDOT to assist with these incidents. Erin Kozanecki will reach out to VDOT to see how they can assist the County.

9. Collective Bargaining Request

Union 3722 President, Kenneth Neam, submitted documentation to request that the County enter into a collective bargaining agreement with career personnel from DFREM. He cited the benefits for all parties when entering into such an agreement. He indicated that some surrounding localities have entered into such contracts which could be beneficial for recruitment and retention.

10. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Supervisor Butler called for adjournment at 6:52 p.m. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of June, 2023.

Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee