

Garrett County Emergency Services Board

Meeting Minutes
For
September 4, 2007

Members present:
Ed McLellan
Brad Frantz
Jamie Rodeheaver
Todd Dyche
John Frank
Dave Betz

Guests;
Ernie Gregg
Dr. Rick Perry
Emergency Services:
Terry Spear

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved on a motion by Brad Frantz, seconded by John Frank and carried by voice vote.

Chairman McLellan discussed a meeting held earlier in the day with the County Commissioner which addressed concerns of the ESB and the lack of timely and adequate EMS response in Garrett County. Also the additional requests to Southern Rescue for information regarding insurance billing have been held up by the Board of Directors.

Dr. Perry expressed his concern about EMS response in Garrett County and the need to immediately address the situation.

Chairman McLellan shared correspondence from the County Commissioners regarding a meeting scheduled next Tuesday with the leadership of Northern and Southern Rescue to discuss paid EMS service in Garrett County. Brad Frantz informed the Board that the intent of hiring EMS providers is to support and supplement the current volunteer system not to take it over. All members of the ESB are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Dave Betz informed the Board that some changes in the Insurance Billing Committee at Southern Rescue have occurred that may result in slower submission of insurance information.

Jamie Rodeheaver questioned the current County Policy regarding County employee's ability to respond on emergency calls while on duty with the County. The current policy in effect states that it is at the discretion of the employee's supervisor.

OLD BUSINESS:

The technical review of Southern Rescue should be completed within the next week according to Dave Betz.

LOSAP – The Board reviewed Mike Getty’s comments and requested that military leave be added to the qualifying criteria for years of service up to 4 years. Also “vested” was discussed with the recommendation to include a statement that requires a member to have 3 years of qualified service after the inception date of LOSAP in order to receive benefits.

Terry Spear reported that Alison Northcraft from Cumberland has been hired to fill the position of Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for Alleghany and Garrett County’s.

Next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 16:00 in the Commissioners conference room.

Terry Spear
Emergency Services Coordinator