Garrett County Emergency Services Board

Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2007

Members present:
Ed McLellan
Brad Frantz
Terry Spears

David Betz

Guests:

Dave Ramsey

The meeting of the Garrett County Emergency Services Board was held at the WISP Resort in the Embers Conference Room.

Chairman McLellan opened the meeting after a quorum was present at 16:25 hours. Minutes of the November 30, 2006 meeting were corrected and approved.

The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2007 in the Oakland area from 14:30 to 16:30 hours. Terry Spear will notify Board members as to the exact location via email.

Brad Frantz will attempt to have Ken Queen from the Garrett County Procurement Department present at the next meeting to discuss LOSAP information.

Definitions for LOSAP point system categories was discussed and questioned. Terry Spear will prepare and distribute prior to the next meeting a draft of definitions for use with the Garrett County LOSAP system.

Ed commended Southern Garrett Rescue on the professionalism of their membership subscription letter.

There was a lengthy discussion of the LOSAP implementation process and its' presentation schedule. Much discussion centered as to whether it should be presented to the County Commissioners or to the volunteer services first. This item will be on the agenda at a future meeting.

The process in which the Board should use in holding our meetings presented several areas that will need to be clarified by the County.

Those include the following: Closed/ Administrative Meetings
Public comment time periods
By-laws for the Board

What is the authority of the Emergency Services Board? Ed and Brad will be meeting with Monty Pagenhardt in the near future to address these issues and report back to the Board.

Brad Frantz informed the Board that Mr. Bob Browning from the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company would be requesting time to address the Board in the future regarding concerns of his company.

The Garrett County Comprehensive Plan revision was discussed and the Board will be forwarding that letter to the Planning and Land Development Department informing them of the need to include preplanning for Emergency Service facilities and infrastructure in the revised plan. Terry Spear will draft a letter for approval. Dave Ramsey will advise the Board that our minutes will be on the Emergency Management website.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:45 hours.

Terry Spear Secretary