

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

LESLEY OVERMAN, CHAIR

BRIAN CROOK, SECRETARY

DAVID NOLLNER

DAVID THOMAS, VICE CHAIR

RICHARD JOHNSON

AMBER RUSSELL

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS BY POSITION, NON-VOTING PRESENT

MATT BATEY

JAY WOODARD

DANIEL HARRIS

MAYOR JACK MCCALL

Meeting was opened by Chairman Lesley Overman

Minutes from previous meeting had been passed out prior to meeting and were read for corrections or amendments.

Vice Chair David Thomas made a motion to approve; Seconded by Secretary Brian Crook.

MOTION APPROVED

Chairman Lesley Overman asked for an update on EMA's hazard mitigation/emergency operations plan. Matt Batey advised it's scheduled for a review in March 2023. Next was questions regarding EMS financials. Matt Batey advised he has hired a full-time Paramedic and EMT and that they would be fully staffed. It was also asked about the amount of overtime that was being paid out and Batey advised it was due to staffing issues. Batey also advised that it would be corrected now since they are fully staffed. Batey also advised that creating part-time positions would help counter the overtime and advised he would be going over this in the future. Batey also advised he would get more financial paperwork to the committee such as charge off statements and would start sending out monthly reports.

Next on the agenda was regarding the Fire Department. Jay Woodard gave updates on call volume. Woodard was asked about training, and he passed out a detailed list of upcoming training schedule for 2023. Woodard was also asked about the new county brush truck that had been recently involved in an accident. He advised that they are still waiting in the insurance company to give an update. Woodard was asked how many members were in the fire department now and he advised he would have 30 in all. Concerns were also brought up about how many fire department personnel was rescue. Woodard advised that only two members weren't on fire and were rescue only. It also was brought up discussing merging both fire and rescue in the future.

Next on the agenda was Rescue. A discussion was brought up about Chief Mark Carman resigning from his position. The new Interim Chief of rescue Daniel Harris introduced himself and gave his background. Harris also gave updates on rescue equipment regarding the need for a new rescue truck. There are currently two trucks that have broken down and cannot be prepared. Also, the new truck or SUV will need to be able to hook up to the county plow so debris from storms such as tornadoes can be cleared out to provide medical services to hard hit areas. As of right now there isn't a pulling truck operating in the county and personal vehicles will have to be used for rescue. Harris advised he would be getting quotes together for a future meeting. Harris also explained how rescue works and how rescue goes to Ems calls, and he passed out an updated list of rescue personnel.

Amber Russell made the motion to adjourn.