

**Cumberland County Commission  
Emergency Services Committee Meeting**  
February 21, 2018  
Small Meeting Room – Courthouse

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>	<u>Other Comm. Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>
Chad Norris	Jack Davis	Kyle Davis	Heather Mullinax - News
Nancy Hyder		Rebecca Stone	Casey Cox
Darrell Threet		Jerry Cooper	Trevor Kerley
David Gibson		John Patterson, Jr.	
Michael Speich			
Mark Baldwin			
Deborah Holbrook			
Carl MacLeod			

**1. Call to Order** - The meeting of the Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Commissioner David Gibson at 5:00pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to approve the minutes from the October Meeting with one small edit regarding a commissioner’s request for reports. The Name would be changed from MacLeod to Hyder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook. The motion passed and the minutes were approved with the edit to be submitted for public record.

**3. Presentation by Casey Cox –**

Sheriff Cox reported on the status of Patrol Vehicles on order and stated that there were issues with getting the Explorers from FORD and that they would be switching back to Dodge. Although there were issues with the Chargers and Engines the money saved by using the Dodge vehicles would allow for additional vehicles to be purchased. Cox briefed the group on the fact that there are 30 deputies working an area of 227 square miles and that an additional deputy has not been added in at least 10 years. The members of the committee saw that as an issue and began to discuss what it would take to add another few deputies, at what cost, and where Sheriff Cox would like to be as a goal. Cox then spoke about the SRO Program stating that Gary Howard is now a supervisor and Roy Kemmer is moving into an SRO position. Lastly, a report was given on the stats at the Cumberland County Jail, and Cox stated that Commissary has been done away with which has helped clear up many issues. There was some additional discussion regarding, overtime pay and comp time and, again, Sheriff Cox’s goals an Commissioner MacLeod asked to see some sort of 5-10 year plan at the next meeting. It was also asked, again by Commissioner Hyder if a “Call List” Could be provided at the next meeting.

**4. Trevor Kerley –**

Although brief, Fire Chief Trevor Kerley reported that Unit 1 was now back in use, and there was another unit on order. Commissioner Speich asked if Kerley's volunteer fire departments could submit a budget request. Kerley went on to say that the county has given money in the past but they mostly take care of their own stations. Of utmost importance, Kerley reported on the Grant for the new Air Packs the need to be replaced in order to go into a house fire. Due to the Government Shut Down, the Grant Writing process was the first to go. According to Kerley the process is still 3-4 Months out. He asked the committee to be aware that they cannot wait until October to order the Air Packs.

**5. Other Business** – The Next meeting was set for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:15 PM.

**6. Adjournment** - With no Other Business to report, a motion was made by Commissioner Holbrook and seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

**Minutes Prepared by Ginny Cole**

**Approval Signature for Public Record** David Holbrook 2/21/19 **Date:**