

Emergency Services Committee Meeting
Small Meeting Room—Cumberland County Courthouse
06/03/19

Members Present:

Mark Baldwin
Deborah Holbrook
Jack Davis
Chad Norris
David Gibson
Darrell Threet
Michael Speich
Nancy Hyder

Other Commissioners Present:

Kyle Davis

Others Present:

Mayor Foster
Gary Nelson-NEWS
EMA Director Rick Williams
E-911 Director Eric Ritzman
County Fire Chief Trevor Kerley
EMS Director Chris Miller
Everett Bolin, Chairman E-911

1. **Called to Order**—The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 4:30 pm. A quorum was present. All members were present except for Carl McCleod.
2. **Approval of Minutes**—the minutes of the last meeting were not available and Chairman Gibson asked that the approval of our last meeting's minutes be put off to the next meeting. The committee agreed.
3. **Dispatch Contract**—Mayor Foster intervened to inform the committee that the dispatch contract has been seen and approved by all the lawyers, the 911 board, Sheriff Cox, etc. Mayor Foster said this contract will put dispatch where it belongs and in line with 911. Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept the contract and Commissioner Threet seconded the motion. All other commissioners voted in favor.
4. **Other business—Commissioner Speich**
Commissioner Speich raised the issue of certain ambulances being stationary while others are not. He was concerned that Westel's ambulance might be used as a back-up while someone in that community was in need of that service. That ultimately led to a discussion with EMS Director Chris Miller about the issue of privatizing the ambulance service. After Miller informed the committee of the anxiety and stress that rumors of this action have created within his department, the committee unanimously voted to show opposition to the idea of privatization. Commissioner Speich made that motion and Commissioner Hyder seconded it. The committee was thanked by Miller and Bolin.
7. **Adjournment**—With no other business to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. With that, the meeting was adjourned with all ayes at 5:13 pm.



Approval, David Gibson, Chairman

Kyle Davis

10-1-2020

Date