

St. Mary's County Emergency Services Board
Wednesday, December 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Members present

Shawn Davidson, County Rescue Chief
JA Nelson, President of St. Mary's Fire Association
Stephen Walker, Director of Emergency Services
C P Miedzinski, County Fire Chief
Ken Hicks, Rescue Squad Association
Hattie Norris, Vice-Chairperson of the ESB
Gary Bell, Chair of the ESB

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to accept the minutes from the Oct 12, 2022, meeting as presented.

Motion by Ken Hicks, second by C P Miedzinski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris,
Gary Bell

3. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY23 Scholarship Awards Update

Angel Clem gave an update on the additional awardee of the FY23 scholarship program.

B. Cadet Program

Kelly Bell gave an update on the Cadet Program. All 11 Cadets have successfully passed MOD one the EMT Exam. The Cadets are working hard on MOD two and the exam is tentatively scheduled for the end of January. Kelly thanked the rescue squads for being cooperative with all the students riding with them. Also, St. Mary's County gets to host the regional Skills USA competition, skills USA is an Internal competition. Kelly is working with the Fire Chief's to host the fire competition at a centralized fire house, and the EMT competition will be hosted at the Dr. James Forrest Career & Technology Center.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Calendar 2023

I move to approve the 2023 meeting schedule as presented.

Motion by Shawn Davidson, second by C P Miedzinski.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris, Gary Bell

B. Fire & Rescue FY24 Budget Submittals Status

Steve provided an update on the FY24 Budget Submittals that were due to Emergency Services on 11/28/22 and then due to finance 1/9/23. There was one tax increase request and one revolving loan request.

C. Loan Request Seventh District VFD

I move to make a recommendation on moving forward with the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department loan request as discussed in this meeting.

Motion by C P Miedzinski, second by Stephen Walker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris, Gary Bell

D. Tax Increase Request Hollywood VFD

I move to endorse the tax increase request from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by C P Miedzinski, second by Shawn Davidson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris, Gary Bell

7. BOARD MEMBER

A. Water Supply Distribution

I move for Chairperson Bell to write a letter to the CSMC to endorse the water supply program and support in this year's budget.

Motion by C P Miedzinski, second by JA Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris, Gary Bell

Hattie Norris discussed staffing issues at company 59. She also discussed issues with reports when the crew is half volunteer and half career.

JA Nelson congratulated all the newly sworn in officials, he also discussed LOSAP and the revenue from EMS Billing.

CP Miedzinski welcomed all newly elected officials. He also thanked Commissioner Colvin & the other County Commissioners along with the County water supply working group for their support in the water supply program.

Shawn Davidson encouraged both Fire & EMS personnel to wear masks during patient contact. He discussed a change in the recertification dates for EMT B's, he also discussed a new feature in the reporting software so individuals can reset their own passwords, elections for the Ambulance & Rescue Squad Association where also voted on this month.

Steve Walker discussed LOSAP and provided an update on the deputy director position.

Ken Hicks thanked the county for loaning him Ambulance 189 while he had several ambulances out of service, and he also thanked the county for their support at Company 39 and Station 38.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

9. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Motion by C P Miedzinski, second by Ken Hicks.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Shawn Davidson, JA Nelson, Stephen Walker, C P Miedzinski, Ken Hicks, Hattie Norris, Gary Bell

Darlene Mund, Recorder

Minutes approved by the St. Marys County Emergency Services Board on Feb 8, 2023.