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October 30, 2019 FAB Meeting Minutes

Combined meeting with Fire and EMS Advisory Boards

1900 Hrs meeting called to order by Chairman Finnegan

The following members were present: Chairman Finnegan, Adrian Bush, Bob Kerr, Rick Rusaw, Tom Popham, Larry Denesha, Allan Reed, Matt Denner, Larry Whitton, Mark Bomyea, Chris Velez, James Blackburn, Kevin Wells, Rick McDougall, Phyllis McDougall, Mark Deavers, Erik Johnson, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby

Excused members: Pat Obrien, Bob Crowe, Don Thompson, Ann Smith, Art Howie, Don McCarthy, Carol Muench

Chairman asked for introduction of all members present.

Chairman asked if anyone had issues or questions with the last FAB minutes. Nothing! M/M A Bush 2nd M Bomyea to accept minutes. Carried

Chairman turned the meeting over to Legislator Larry Deneshia for updates from the county legislature. Larry introduced Allan Reed the new Risk Manager for the county. Larry mentioned the 2020 budget would not result in any tax increase. Allan Reed spoke on his new role as Risk Manager. Stated he would concentrate on issues with PESH, other standards. Would like to establish a POC for each department, district. He is considering possible cross agency training for the future. Larry also mentioned a push to limit overtime in all county departments. He once again mentioned having a combined meeting with Highway Supervisors and sharing information related to comp cases.

Chairman Finnegan made reference to the new minimum fire officer training policy that was drafted and was sent to the previous Risk Manager for applying across the county in an attempt to prevent injury or workman compensation claims.

Sheriff Wells gave a quick report on budget and mentioned the new Sheriff role in the coming year.

Matthew Denner, Director

Floor was turned over to new Director Matt Denner. He briefed the group on the new radio towers being installed. Hammond, Waddington. Things moving along. He mentioned the new backup Massena PSAP was ready and encouraged people to visit it and see it first hand. A drill will be coming to test the ability to transition from the current PSAP to the new PSAP is being planned. Meeting with the District Deputies went well, some new ideas being discussed for Haz Mat Team, rescue tech team etc. Looking to use volunteers in these areas. Work with Franklin County and consortium on equipment.

Director Denner briefed the group on his background and qualifications, ideas for the future. Thanked everyone for their support going forward.

Bob Kerr reported on county training and center. County training program has been busy with BFO, IFO, variety of classes in 2019. Training center is working on installation of fall protection and new stairs for the burn building.

Youth in the fire service event is being planned for May 30, 2020 at the training center. Working with Co Chiefs Association and FASNY on the event.

Floor was turned over EMS board member Mark Deavers. Mark reported on changes coming down from the state on charting paperwork going away only electronic versions to be used. EMS certifications going from 3 years to 4 years. New protocols coming down. CME's do 31st of each year. New Face Book community being used for sharing of information.

Chairman asked for other input on any other issues for the board. A question on the Rehab policy that was drafted a couple years back was asked. Appears the policy was never finalized. Director Denner stated he would ask Tammy to research and send back out.

Mark mentioned Russell rescue squad is no longer in service. Lack of personnel. Hermon Squad looking to pick up calls.

EMS volunteers on the decline across the county and state levels.

Director Denner mentioned he would like to conduct county wide training conference with various topics, vendors more to come.

No other comments from the floor. For the good of the order Chairman Finnegan asked for a motion to adjourn. M/M Kevin Crosby 2nd by Jeff Hammond to adjourn. Carried 8:15 pm.

Robert E. Kerr