

Special Meeting: Ad Hoc Committee and Interested Members of the Community Regarding Florence County Rescue Squad Possible Reorganization

Meeting Minutes

Sheriff Miller called the meeting to order on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:03pm.

In person attendees: Sheriff Miller, Tim Bomberg, Duane Drewa, Tom Krans, Pat Smith, Mike Theis, Diane Theis, Amanda Mulvey, Fran Modschiedler, Fred Erwin, Fred Hedmark. Webex attendees: Mark Mandler, Helen Pullen and Donna Trudell

The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions on how to devise and discuss options for a viable solution to EMS Services in Florence County.

Motion to approve the agenda with Sheriff Miller's proposed amendments by Tim Bomberg, support by Fred Erwin. No opposition.

Sheriff Miller's agenda amendments included the following:

- There were several applications delivered to the County Clerk. Those applications were brought to the meeting by the sheriff and delivered to the recruitment subcommittee who will review and distribute them out to the appropriate unit's service director. This will be an ongoing process. Helen Pullen received contact from an RN in the area wishing to pursue her EMT license; she will be working to get her onto the right educational track.
- Chad Hedmark (Aurora) provided the sheriff with information regarding a mailing to county residents as discussed last week. Hedmark relayed that there are approximately 5,454 resident addresses and the mailing using the pre-stamped envelopes would cost approximately \$3,433 which would not include the paper or printing costs. The letters would need to be folded and stuffed into the envelopes. Suggestions discussed on who will absorb the costs. Potential to use the county folding machine and committee members will reach out to the chamber to inquire on the use of the bulk postage permit. Florence Rescue will talk to their membership to seek approval in assisting with the costs out of their funds.
- Don from Integrity asked Sheriff Miller to keep him informed on the status of these meetings going forward. He has been receiving calls following the press release and would like to stay informed as things move ahead.

Sheriff Miller moved to table the approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting so that copies can be made for distribution, support by Amanda Mulvey. No opposition.

Pat Smith presented the RFP draft. Items to be updated: population estimates to be reviewed by municipal clerks, payer mix to be submitted from Florence Rescue via LifeQuest, dispatch protocol to be written in as direct paging only from FCSO, ALS intercept agreement stipulation to be added. Posting requirements for the RFP will be reviewed by the municipalities for emergency stipulations/timelines. Pat Smith will address this during the Zoom meeting scheduled for the 28th with the WTA. That meeting was offered by the WTA to those Florence municipalities who will be impacted by the pending closure. Tim Bomberg will reach out to legal counsel retained by the Town of Florence for review of the drafted RFP.

Future agenda items:

Recruitment updates, Update on letter to taxpayers, Report on the legal review of the RFP, Review/Approve RFP for publishing & Potential extension of the March 1st deadline.

Next meeting scheduled for February 3rd, 2021 at 6pm in the same location.

Motion to adjourn by Fred Erwin, support by Fran Modschiedler. No opposition. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.