



# Garrett County Emergency Services Board 2006-2008

Minutes for 7-29-2008

## Members in Attendance

Ed McLellan, Chairman  
Lou Battistella  
Sonny Vincent  
Sharon Paugh  
Dave Betz  
John Frank  
Brad Frantz

## Guests

Bill Hardy  
Dr. Richard Perry  
Lynn & Carol Newman  
Harry Durst  
Kay Perry

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Chairman McLellan and moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting remained in executive session until 4:40 p.m., at which time Dr. Perry left with the Durst family.

Sonny Vincent made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Lou Battistella. The motion carried unanimously and those minutes will be posted on the county web-site.

Brad Frantz reviewed statistics comparing EMS response times since the hiring of paid EMS staff versus the same period last year. Those statistics showed a significant improvement in all stations utilizing the paid crews. The one station that was not requesting assistance from paid crews had a significant decline in response times.

Brad also discussed some issues with strategic resource management of crews and equipment.

Ed McLellan reviewed the meeting with the County Commissioners relative to incorporating legislative authority with the Emergency Services Board as accepted by the County Commissioners in the SWOT report.

Dr. Perry returned to the meeting and the Board went back into executive session at 5:10 P.M. Several personnel issues were reviewed with Bill Hardy regarding the proper protocols for patient care. . The meeting remained in executive session until 5:55p.m.

Brad made a motion that Garrett County would continue to utilize the existing regional medical review board, consisting of Dr. May, Bill Hardy and three additional members. The regional board will be used until such time as Garrett County establishes its own review board. Sharon Paugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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Progress of the LOSAP initiative was discussed and summarized by Brad. The county finance department is preparing a request for proposal for an actuarial study. Ed read correspondence from Monty Pagenhardt, County Administrator to all fire and EMS companies regarding LOSAP (attached).

Sonny Vincent discussed a service award program for noteworthy accomplishments of volunteer fire and EMS personnel as a way of publicly and formally recognizing their service to the citizens and visitors of Garrett County. A number of suggestions were made as to the possibilities with such a program. It was decided to bring back suggestions to the next scheduled meeting.

Brad discussed the preparations for the Northern and Southern High School Emergency Services Club and other recruitment and retention activities.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the Commissioner's conference room.

Lou moved to adjourn and Sonny Vincent seconded at 6:25.