

III. INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Brian Watts asked for Chairperson nominations; Steven Barger nominated Walt Eccard and Donnie Williams nominated Commissioner Pat Sykes. Brian asked for a motion to close the nomination; William Wilson made the motion to close and Doug Todd seconded the motion. Brian informed the group that the term runs for the fiscal year and then asked for a vote by show of hands. Walt Eccard was elected Chairperson with 15 of 15 votes. Brian handed the meeting over to Chairperson Eccard.

V. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Eccard asked for Vice Chairperson nominations; Alan Holden nominated Commissioner Pat Sykes and Charles Drew nominated Doug Todd. Chairperson Eccard asked for a motion to close the nomination; Mike Forte made the motion to close and Steven Barger seconded the motion. Chairperson Eccard then asked for a vote by show of hands. Commissioner Pat Sykes was elected Vice Chairperson with 11 of 18 votes.

VI. MOTION TO APPROVE CALENDAR

Chairperson Eccard asked for a motion to approve the meeting calendar; Doug Todd made the motion and Teresa Tickle seconded the motion. The calendar was approved, with a meeting time of 7:00pm. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Thursday, May 17, 2018

VII. PRESENTATION: FIRE SERVICES IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brian Watts gave a power point presentation regarding the fire services in Brunswick County. The group requested that Brian provide the following for the next meeting:

Input from each fire department of their needs

Equipment inventory from each fire department

VIII. CHAIRPERSON ECCARD OPEN FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mayor Holden made a motion to adopt the Rules and Procedures of the Fire Commission Committee and Steven Barger seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott asked for clarification on what is the process if the term of a Mayor, or Mayor Pro-Tem, ends prior to their two-year Fire Commission Committee term expiring. There was discussion about a provision allowing the represented municipalities the ability to designate which elected official would serve on the Committee, if not their Mayor. Brian Watts said he would have to check, but he believes the County's Board of Commissioners specifically asked that a municipal representative be the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem. Ann Hardy said that any change from the Rules and Procedures would have to be taken to the Commissioners. Chairperson Eccard recommended adopting the current Rules and Procedures, with this current provision included. Then, if the Commissioners approve the change, the amendment to the Rules and Procedures can be made at the next meeting.

Chairperson Eccard ask for a verbal vote to adopt the Rules and Procedures and received a positive vote from the Committee.

After discussion, Chairperson Eccard recommended the Fire Commission's first goal, and direction for the next meeting, be to work on performance standards for Brunswick County fire departments. Chairperson Eccard asked for any objections with proceeding with this focus. No objectives were given. Chairperson Eccard then asked if there were any other issues to discuss before adjourning; none were given.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47pm, Commissioner Forte made the motion to adjourn and no objections were given.