

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
AMBULANCE, FIRE AND RESCUE COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNTY MEETING ROOM
January 30, 2023 10:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Douglas Curtis, Committee Chair and Committee Members Hattie Burns and Ethan Foard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Members Rhett Butler, Mary Anderson and Todd Smallwood; Timothy L. Eubanks, Administrator; Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager; Michelle Stanley, Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner, County Attorney/Assistant Administrator; and Tommy Catoe.

PRESS: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website (www.chesterfieldcountysc.com). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Curtis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Burns made a motion to adopt the January 30, 2023 meeting agenda. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. October 14, 2020 – Committee Meeting

Committee Member Burns made a motion to approve the October 14, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Teals Mill Fire Department (millage/fees) – Committee Chair Curtis

There was discussion regarding the possibility of the Fire Department changing its funding mechanism.

b. Rescue Squads (ARP Funds) – Committee Chair Curtis

There was discussion regarding possible funding to the Rescue Squads from ARP Funds. Committee Member Burns made a motion to award the Rescue Squads \$10,000.00 of ARP Funds, as was previously awarded to the Fire Departments. Committee Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Committee Chair Curtis and Committee

Member Burns. Voting in opposition of the motion was Committee Member Foard. Motion passed 2-1.

c. Fire Departments and Rescue Squad Financial Information – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised based upon the recommendation of the County's independent auditor, it was requested that Council consider requiring the submission of information concerning the expenditure of County funds by fire departments and rescue squads for inclusion in the County's Annual Audit Report. (NOTE: This was not a request that each fire department and rescue squad obtain its own independent audit).

At the November 2, 2022 regular council meeting, Council voted unanimously to require the submission of information concerning the expenditure of County funds by fire departments and rescue squads for inclusion in the County's Annual Audit Report.

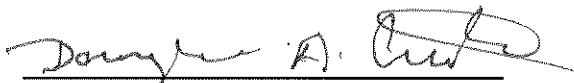
Committee Member Burns made a motion to authorize Administrator Eubanks to send a letter of explanation to all Rescue Squads and Fire Departments regarding the request by the County for submission of information concerning expenditures of county funds. Committee Member Foard seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Committee Member Foard made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Douglas Curtis, Committee Chair
Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Committee
Dated: April 26, 2023



Betty M. Boswell
Clerk to Council