

MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING of STRATEGIC PLANNING and READINESS CENTER COMMITTEE

November 17, 2022 @8:30 A.M. AT THE York County Government Building

1. Administrative

a. Attendance rosters- PRESENT: Cait Grant-Dean of Workforce Development for YCCCC, Fire Chief Matt DuRoss, Fire & EMS Administrator Rod Hooper, Fire Chief Rick Smith, County Manager Greg Zinser, Commissioner Richard Dutremble, Eric Wellman-EMS Department Head @YCCC, Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont.

Excused: Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, Major Nthan Thayer, Commissioner Donna Ring, EMA Director Art Claves, Adam Hartwig, ME CDC Liaison, Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss, EMS Chief David Hamel and Buxton Police Chief Troy Cline.

b. Approve minutes of September 15, 2022 meeting-Chief Duross motioned to approve the minutes. Chief Smith seconded the motion. DISCUSSION: Chief Hooper made one correction to the minutes. Vote unanimous to approve the minutes with one correction.

County Manager Zinser gave an update on what has been happening regarding the Center.

2. Architect & Engineers- Fire & EMS Administrator Rod Hooper gave an overview of the complex. County Manager Zinser gave an update on the transitional housing and explained that it had been dropped from the campus. He continued that a group met with the town and received negative feedback so decided to come up with another plan. County Manager Zinser went on to report that the overall reception on the recovery piece, with a few concerns, was good. The Public Safety side was received well. Police chiefs are leaning towards not having a dormitory, stated Chief Rod Hooper. Recruiting would be easier to have day only programs, but the law would have to be changed, explained the County Manager. He added that there needs to be a big push to bring a law enforcement academy to Southern Maine.

a. Floor Plan – Update- Various discussions including the need for more storage space. Chief Hooper will take the various suggestions made and present them to Michel from Lassel Architects.

b. Site plan - Update

i. Emergency Vehicle Operator Course- Chief Hooper talked about the EVOC course being added to the plans. He explained that the course is 3,800 ft.

ii. Fire Pond- Chief Hooper showed the location of the pond on the plans and stated that we need to engineer it to have a well and pump to keep the pond replenished. It needs to be decided if the bottom will have stone, sand and mud or clay? Chief Hooper added that they hope to put a pump big enough in for a hydrant to work. The question came up about water from the town. Alfred Water District is happy to hear that we would have a pond and a reclamation area.

Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont asked about the change of location of the parking lot. County Manager Zinser replied that change is driven by code.

iii. DEP check- Chief Hooper continued that he spoke with (someone from) the DEP regarding a separator and he was fine with that. Chief Hooper added that he has an e-mail

confirmation of this. Storm water will go into the pond, also. County Manager Zinser added that we will not be using foam.

3. Construction Manager Hired
 - a. Landry-French
 - b. Target for ground breaking- County Manager Zinser informed all that we hope for groundbreaking to occur in the late spring/early summer.

4. CDS Request Status
 - a. In the appropriations bill, waiting for Congress to pass a budget. Chief Hooper stated that the \$850,000 that has been approved for York County is still sitting at MEMA. He explained that it is best that the money sits there as we have to use it once we receive it. He added that the ther \$1.9 million is still in appropriations and can only be used for construction for the development. Chief Hooper summarized that we have \$1.4 million for simulators, \$1.9 million for construction and \$850,000 for EOC equipment.

5. Alford Foundation Application
 - a. Denied – Chief Hooper informed all that he found out they usually approve projects for central Maine for education or community development. Our project was York County focused and they'd like to see something more State focused.

6. Assistance to Firefighters Grant- Chief Hooper explained that he had spoken to Chief Schools about this grant. He explained that Jim Graves, Director of the Maine Fire Service Institute informed him that all items purchased has to be available state-wide.
 - a. Opens January 2023
 - b. Create regional application for fire training programs
 - c. Not eligible for equipment

7. Training Towers
 - a. Met with Lion local dealer at EMA on 9/29/22
 - b. WHP on-line demonstration following this meeting- Chief Hooper reminded all about the ZOOM demonstration. County Manager Zinser added that an RFP will need to be developed for this at some point.

8. Future Field Trips
 - a. None planned

9. Formation of a non-profit organization to raise funds for training center
 - a. York County First Responder Foundation, Inc. has been established as of 10/3/2022
 - b. Accountant has submitted IRS paperwork for 501(C)3 status
 - c. Need to obtain formal recognition from County Commission- Chief Hooper explained that an agreement with the County is needed. County Manager Zinser added that now that we are pretty sure this (project) will move forward, we need to have a meeting with Fire Chiefs and then Police Chiefs to have discussions about how we are going to do this. He continued that the operations budget will be around \$600,000. The discussion should include a method of charging for programs, i.e. tiered programming or perhaps annual requirements we will do for x amount of money?

County Manager Zinser added that we also need to have discussions on sponsors and what it's worth to have one's company name on the facility? How are arrangements made to sell name? Have we developed a list of major vendors?

YCCC EMS Department Head Eric Wellman will get us a policy.

Chief Hooper commented that Maine Community Foundation will invest your donations with others to make more interest.

County Manager Zinser stated that maybe we should have a Foundation Advisory Board. We will talk to our lawyers regarding this.

10. YCCC/YCG MOA Signing at 1:30pm today (Nov.17) at YCCC

11. Next meeting date-Monday, December 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.