



Marion County  
Board of County Commissioners

Fire Rescue

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Marion County Fire Rescue Emergency Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
July 12, 2011

**Call To Order:** 4:01 by Chairperson Pat Gabriel

**Members Present:**

Dr. Frank Fraunfelder, Medical Director, MCFR EMS  
Paul Clark, C.O.O., Munroe Regional Medical Center  
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson  
Butch Verrando  
Thomas Lorio

**Members Absent:**

Rex Etheredge-Communicated wouldn't be able to attend  
Adam Woods  
Chief John Delorio-Communicated wouldn't be able to attend

**Others in Attendance:**

Chief Stuart McElhaney, Chief Cooper, Chief Maxwell, Chief Hall, Chief Nevels, Chief Walker, Rob Graff, Carl Crabtree, Captain Banta, Shands Guest-Ed Jimenez, SVP & COO of Shands, Michele Ziegler Director of Trauma & Aeromedical Services, Dr. David Meurer Medical Director of the EMS Program, John Garri, Wallace Watford

**Attendance taken by:** Felicia Grasty

**Minutes:**

April 12th, 2011 adopted

**Shandscair AirMedical Proposal**

A Power Point Presentation provided by Shands

- Air Medical is to serve the community and it makes sense to form an alliance/partnership.
- Brand the two agencies together (Shandscair & MCFR logo).
- Ed Jimenez, Senior VP and COO of Shands shared Shandscair background, 30 years of service.
- Current coverage area discussed (maps shown in the presentation).
- With another copter, response time will be faster with a diverse coverage area.
- Logistics location would be in the lower part of Marion County.

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- Shandscair One flies a 185 nautical air mile range, example: GA, Miami, Panama City.
- Station 30 Spruce Creek is the central area for Shandscair 2 helicopter.
- This will be 85/15 reinvesting, with Shands being the majority.
- Rules of Engagement for Ground Transport vs. Air Transport: Cost Savings, Time Savings, Proximity.
- There is a 12% trauma mix.
- The air ambulance is a single engine 130.
- Butch Verrando asked "What transports are justified by air trauma?" Dr. Meuer, MD of EMS program advised that Trauma and Major Trauma, as well as anything higher than 16 on the trauma score, justifies air trauma.
- Butch Verrando asked "What is the reason Shands wants to take on 85% of the finance?" Ed Jimenez shared that there are a host of reasons, 2 being they have for many years wanted to partner with someone to get another helicopter program going. Also, this will be a great community benefit. Mrs. Gabriel asked "Will the 2<sup>nd</sup> copter be used as a backup?" Mr. Jimenez shared that the aircraft will be called when needed.
- The question was asked of the time frame to begin the program. Mr. Jimenez shared that it will take 3-4 months to hire and train, possibly a November or December timeline.
- Butch Verrando asked about liabilities and complaints from areas where the copter has to land. Mr. Jimenez said that they use precaution when landing in any and all areas. The pilots are military pilots that are familiar with landing in tight spaces, i.e. subdivisions, roadways, etc.
- The Fire Advisory Board approved moving forward with Shandscair AirMedical Proposal.

### **Budget Discussion**

- Budget Compilation Proposed FY 11/12 Handouts were provided.
- Chief McElhaney explained the difference with the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 compilation and the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 compilation is comprised of: the 3% employee retirement contribution mandate, life/health insurance increase, and County Fleet and County Fire consolidation.
- Chief McElhaney shared that the Personal Services line item shows a reduction of \$2.3million due to the 3% mandatory employee contribution to their retirement.
- The Workers' Comp-VFDS line item is controlled by the state regarding how they determine your dollar amount. They look at your overall expenditure over the past year.
- In the Operating Line Item for Fleet, Chief McElhaney explained that the original proposed budget was \$564,000. However, the County Administrator increased it to \$713,000.

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- Chief McElhaney explained the Central Service Cost Allocation line item. This is the cost for county-wide departments to provide services to non county-wide departments. It is calculated at 5% of the 95% of the revenue generated.
- Non-Operating Carry Forward monies for building. Thomas Lorio asked "Can they (BCC) take this money back?" Chief explained that the money can be given back to the citizens, be used for what it's for or saved.
- Capital has \$2.5 million projects such as Building /Construction. Station 4 (East Marion) and Station 27 (Weirsdale) are up for renovation. Chief McElhaney shared that both Stations can be renovated for \$1.2 million. Chief Cooper explained that only the living space will be renovated. The current sleeping quarters weren't designed to hold as many personnel as is currently assigned.
- The Advisory Board recommended that they renovate only one station right now and revisit renovating the other midyear.
- Chief Cooper shared that 30 brush trucks need to be replaced. The board suggested replacing 10 now and revisit replacing the remaining trucks midyear.

**Board Items**

The Ambulance Bill Tracking and MDA Program discussion will be moved to the next Advisory Board Meeting

**Adjournment:** 6:03 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held October 11, 2011 4p.m. at Fire Rescue Headquarters

**Minutes submitted by:** Felicia Grasty

**Approved:**

  
Pat Gabriel, Chairperson

  
Date:

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