

St. Mary's County Emergency Services Board
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1800.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jessica Myers, Asst County Rescue Chief
JA Nelson, Chairperson of ESB
Hattie Norris, Vice-Chairperson of ESB
Ernest Rogers, County Fire Chief
Jason Adams, President of Fire Board Association
Jen Aubert-Utz, Director of Emergency Services

Members Not Present:

Ken Hicks, Rescue Squad Association
Janelle Martin, Acting Jurisdictional Medical Director

A. Review & Approve Minutes

I move to accept the minutes from the February 26, 2025, meeting as presented.

Motion by Jason Adams, second by Hattie Norris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Myers, JA Nelson, Hattie Norris, Ernest Rogers, Jason Adams

3. PRESENTATION

No Presentations

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Report

Director Jen Aubert-Utz provided an update on the operations of Emergency Services.

B. Property Tax Incentive

Deputy Director Kiersten Shea provided an update on the property tax incentive and stated there is a Public Hearing on 4/22/25 at 6:30pm at Leonardtown High School on this incentive.

C. Emergency Services FY26 Budget Update

Director Jen Aubert-Utz provided an overview of the FY26 recommended budget that was approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to move forward to the Public Hearing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cadet Program Policy Discussion

J.A. Nelson discussed with the board about moving forward to see if non-public school students, home schooled students and private school students would be able to take part in the Fire/EMS Cadet Program.

7. BOARD MEMBER

Ernest Rogers thanked DES and Director Utz for getting the fire departments up to par so that every riding member has a portable radio.

Jason Adams thanked everyone for their dedicated efforts toward the development of the proposed volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Rewards Program.

Jessica Myers thanked everyone for their efforts with the Fire and Rescue Squad Rewards Program.

Jen Aubert-Utz thanked Bay District for dedicating their hall to be used for the Cadet Program award ceremony. She also reminded everyone that with longer and warm days to watch out for the little ones playing in the street. Jen also thanks everyone for what they do and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

9. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 1816.

Motion by Jason Adams, second by Ernest Rogers.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Myers, JA Nelson, Hattie Norris, Ernest Rogers, Jason Adams

Angelique Clem, Recorder

Minutes approved by the St. Mary's County Emergency Services Board on 6/11/25.