

WVEMS COMMUNICATIONS WORKGROUP

February 26, 2019

By Group Email Communication

AGENDA

Discussion Topic: Transfer of Assets to Bath County

MINUTES

Participation

Jim Cady, Chair

Rob Logan, WVEMS (staff)

Andy Seabolt, Bath/Alleghany

Jeff Echternach, NSPA

Bob Bruch, Botetourt County

The Executive Director sent the following communication to the members of the Communications Workgroup on February 26:

For the past year or so, I've been in communication with Andy Seabolt in Bath County regarding the transfer of our building, generator and tower on Bald Knob in Bath County to Bath County. The landowner (the Nature Conservancy) is agreeable to transferring our lease to Bath County. If we transfer ownership, Bath County is willing to take over maintenance of the tower, generator and building. In exchange, we will be granted perpetual no-cost colocation rights.

I believe that this is in the best interests of the Council and recommend that we proceed. I would appreciate your thoughts. If you are in agreement, I will prepare a resolution for the WVEMS board of directors to consider at its March 14 meeting.

All members participating agreed that this plan was in the best interest of the Council, and agreed to recommend adoption to the prepared resolution at the March 14 board meeting.

The resolution:

Western Virginia EMS Council, INC.

RESOLUTION

In regular session on March 14, 2019, the board of directors of the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. (WVEMS) agreed to transfer ownership of its communications shelter, tower and generator located on Bald Knob, Warm Springs Mountain in Bath County, Virginia to the Bath County Board of Supervisors, for the sum of one dollar, subject to the following conditions:

Bath County will agree to maintain a lease for this site with The Nature Conservancy or any future owner.

Bath County will agree to enter into a perpetual, no-cost colocation agreement with WVEMS, to allow WVEMS to place any radio equipment in the shelter and antennae on the tower that is necessary to maintain EMS and Hospital (HEARS) Amateur radio communication capabilities benefitting the WVEMS region, and particularly the Alleghany Highlands area. This agreement will extend to the current shelter and tower, and to any replacement shelters and/or towers that might be erected at this site in the future.

Bath County will agree to maintain emergency power generator(s) in good operating condition, and to provide emergency back-up power to the WVEMS radio equipment at no cost to WVEMS. Bath County also agrees to provide, at no cost, commercial power for the WVEMS radio equipment at this site.

Bath County will agree to allow access to WVEMS, its contractors and employees to maintain its communications equipment at this site.

Bath County will agree to obtain and maintain any and all necessary approvals from the FAA, FCC and the National Radio Quiet Zone/National Radio Astronomy Observatory for this site. WVEMS is responsible for FCC licensure of its radios at this site.

Bath County and WVEMS will enter into a memorandum of understanding that will memorialize and effect the above terms prior to transferring ownership of these assets. The WVEMS staff is authorized to draft and execute such Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the WVEMS Council.

ATTEST:

WESTERN VIRGINIA EMS COUNCIL, INC.

L. Joseph Trigg, Secretary