



**AD HOC FIRE, EMS AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Chairman David Bussone - District 5

Richard Kleindienst Sr - District 1

Leland Greek - District 2

Gail Lazenby - District 3

Jeffrey Bogue - District 4

**August 18, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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Meeting Location: Wildwood Community Center (6500 Powell Road, Washington and Jefferson Rooms, Wildwood, FL 34785)

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**AGENDA**

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN

INVOCATION

FLAG SALUTE

1. **Public Forum**
2. **Minutes from August 4, 2021 Meeting (Staff Recommends Approval).**

Documents:

[08.04.2021 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

3. **Recommendation Letter to the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (Staff Recommends Approval).**

Documents:

[Draft Letter.pdf](#)

4. **Cancellation of September Meetings (Staff Recommends Approval).**

Documents:

[Cancellation Notice.pdf](#)

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**AD-HOC FIRE EMS AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

The Sumter County Ad-Hoc Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Committee convened in a regular session on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at the Wildwood Community Center, Washington and Jefferson Rooms, in Wildwood, Florida, with the following members present: Richard Kleindienst, Sr, District No. 1; Leland Greek, District 2; Gail J. Lazenby, District No. 3; Jeffrey Bogue, District No. 4; and Chairman David Bussone, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Leslie Smith, Committee Liaison and Administrative Services Manager, and Clifford Taylor, Acting County Attorney.

Chairman Bussone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Richard Kleindienst and the flag salute by Gail Lazenby.

**1. Public Forum**

The following individuals spoke during Public Forum:

*(Clerk's Note: Addresses and spelling are compared with the Property Appraiser's website (when applicable) and are as accurate as possible.)*

1. Len Hathaway; 1568 Hartsville Tr, The Villages, FL 32162;
2. Mike Giraldi;
3. Scott Lee, 2005 Culpepper Way, The Villages, FL 32162;
4. Susan Ridgeway, 3775 Wine Palm Way, The Villages, FL 32163;
5. Jim Gorman, 419 Irmo Ln, The Villages, FL 32162;
6. Dan Warren, 3087 Bureau Path, The Villages, FL 32163;
7. Sheldon Levi, 2448 Caruthers Path, The Villages, FL 32163;
8. Kimble Billingsley, TVPSD;
9. Eric Williamson, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), local union representative

Mr. Williamson, asked for permission to give a presentation based on a current independent study conducted by the IAFF.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to allow Mr. Williamson to give the presentation after Public Forum is closed. Motion passes 5-0.

10. Russ D'Emidio, 1340 Patrick Pl, The Villages, FL 32162;
11. Kate Svagdis, 1973 Durham Ln, The Villages, FL 32162;
12. Paul Ferrari, 1166 Tall Pine Ln, The Villages, FL 32162;
13. Matthew Unknown;
14. Bill Svagdis, 1973 Durham Ln, The Villages, FL 32162;

15. Ray Bidwell, 1575 Hartsville Trail, The Villages, 32162;
16. Mary Ann Mobilian, 3735 Conservation Trl, The Villages, FL 32163;
17. Keith Blanchard, 5678 Zebra Longwing Path, The Villages, FL 32163;
18. Jack Sussell, 6046 Delphina Loop, The Villages, FL 32163;
19. Robert Meffen, TVPSD;
20. Stewart Eubanks, Local Union President of EMS Workers;
21. Justin Drummond, TVPSD;
22. Robert Kane, 17820 SW 86<sup>th</sup> Oak Leaf Ter, The Villages, FL 32162;
23. Rosemary Beales, 3751 Valleybrook Way, The Villages, FL 32163;
24. Sue Horton, 648 Ravenel Ct, The Villages, FL 32163;

Eric Williamson, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), local union representative – IAFF Independent Study Presentation

Mr. Williamson gave brief presentation based on an independent study initiated by the IAFF regarding The Villages® Public Safety providing their own transportation services. Mr. Williamson stated that this is a partial presentation as the study has not been completed. He also noted that the latest data used was 2019.

Chairman Bussone thanked Mr. Williamson for the presentation and asked that a copy be provided to Mrs. Smith for the record and to be distributed to among the members.

## **2. Minutes from July 21, 2021 Meeting (Staff Recommends Approval).**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passes 5-0.

## **3. Current System and Ten Options for the Fire and Medical Response System to Improve Patient Outcomes (For Discussion)**

Chairman Bussone asked for and received a consensus to only discuss topics that receive a motion and are seconded; otherwise, there will be no discussion.

Chairman Bussone called a five minutes recess at 8:47 p.m.

Chairman Bussone called the meeting back to order at 8:52 p.m.

A motion was made by David Bussone and seconded by Gail Lazenby to drop consideration of consolidated fire services. Motion passes 3-2.

Yay: Kleindienst, Bussone, Lazenby      Nay: Greek, Bogue

A motion was made by Leland Greek and seconded by Jeffrey Bogue to have Sumter County provide county-wide transport. Motion passes 3-2.

Yay: Kleindienst, Greek, Bogue

Nay: Bussone, Lazenby

A motion was made by Gail Lazenby and seconded by Richard Kleindienst to have Sumter County Fire and The Villages® Public Safety as separate distinct entities. This motion was a clarification of the first motion. Motion passes 3-2.

Yay: Kleindienst, Bussone, Lazenby

Nay: Greek, Bogue

A motion was made by Leland Greek and seconded by Jeffrey Bogue to include Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) for both entities. Motion passes 5-0.

Chairman Bussone directed Mrs. Smith to prepare the Committee's recommendation letter for the Board of County Commissioners to be discussed at the next meeting. He stated a section thanking Mrs. Smith for her administrative support to the committee must be included.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

August 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. - Wildwood Community Center, Washington, and Jefferson Rooms, 6500 County Rd 139, Wildwood, FL 34785

#### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

August 18, 2021

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners  
7375 Powell Road, Suite 200  
Wildwood, FL 34785

Dear Sirs:

My colleagues and I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Sumter County as members of the Ad Hoc Committee. Please note our recommendations which follow.

On August 4, 2021, the Sumter County Ad Hoc Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Committee voted on three recommendations for the Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport System to submit to the Board of County Commissioners. The committee voted 3-2 in favor to recommend retaining separate fire departments instead of consolidation. The committee voted 3-2 to recommend that Sumter County provide in-house countywide medical transport services. The committee additionally voted 5-0 to recommend utilizing the quick response vehicles (QRVs) model presented at the May 18, 2021 Workshop for both fire departments.

The committee would like to extend its special thanks to Leslie Smith for her assistance as staff liaison.

Sincerely,

David Bussone  
Chairman  
Sumter County Ad Hoc Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Committee

## **NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ad Hoc Fire, EMS, and Medical Transport Committee have canceled the scheduled meetings on:

**September 1, 2021**  
**September 15, 2021**

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