

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 3, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, RACES Radio Officer. There were 5 members present. The meeting was held at the Emergency Operations Center of Camdem Clark Hospital.

Phil, KB8GBE said a few words and a prayer for Tim Farnsworth, a Lubeck Fire Fighter who passed away.

Introductions for the benefit of the hosts of the EOC, Jim Rose, and Steve Radabough.

Minutes from the November 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion about the two new towers to replace the old TV towers at the Wood County EOC. Miller Communications has taken down a 120 foot tower and sold 11 sections of it at a price of 60 dollars a section. All that is needed now is two top sections, one bottom section, and two base plates. The two base plates will be ordered so that the tower project can begin.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on E-911. The city of Parkersburg is not going to be a part of the county E-911 system. The E-911 committee will be meeting again Thursday the 5th to re-figure the cost of running an E-911 center, without the help of Parkersburg.

Leo, WA8BMA gave a report of the upcoming activities. The Parkersburg Parade will be a 2:00pm on Saturday December 7th. Communications personnel should be available to start lining up the parade at about 10:00am.

The next two safety breaks were discussed. Changes were made for the length of the breaks. The Christmas Safety Break will start at 6:00am Saturday morning December 21 and end at 6:pm Wednesday, December 25th. The New Years Safety Break will start at 6:00am Saturday morning December 28th and end at 6:00pm Wednesday, January 1st.

Members of the Jackson County Radio Club picked up their new repeater on November 16th.

There was a discussion on the Christmas Dinner which will be held on Saturday, December 14th at the Emergency Operations Center.

Ken, WA8LLM gave an update on the Mobile Communications Vehicle. The work that has been done is the planning of how the radios will be mounted. Ken is hoping to take the vehicle to Harmon's Cabinet Shop to get the counter tops laminated and get plexiglass installed. He hopes to get the radios installed so that it can be painted next spring.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Internal Revenue 501c3 tax exemption. We can receive up to \$25,000 dollars before we will have to do any tax returns.

The receiver from St Joseph Hospital has been moved to the Quincy Hill tower site and seems to be doing a better job.

There was a reminder that pictures still need to be taken for the ID cards. Any time you are at the EOC get your picture taken. The old ID cards will expire December 31, 1996.

We still need to rearrange and clean the garage so we can get the chair trailer out of the weather, and work on some of the chairs.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The next Wood County Fire Fighters Association meeting will be held December 8th at Parkersburg number 1 fire station.

There was a discussion on the building of a new 147.255 Mhz repeater. There is nothing wrong with the one we have now, but the new one will be easier to maintain and have more remote receivers. We have purchased 45 UHF Walkie-Talkies that will be used for the remote receiver links. The Walkie-Talkies were purchased from Tim Miller at a price of \$10 dollars each. There's been approval to install a remote receiver site at the Deerwalk Fire Station. There will be no local receiver at the repeater site.

A cellular phone will be put in the communications trailer while it is at the Safety Breaks of the Christmas and New Years.

After the meeting was over the group was shown around the Hospital Emergency Operation Center. The group needs to become familiar with it since we will be operating there during drills and disasters.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 263, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Bob Patterson WD5EXD/Unit 282, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Susie Davidson KC8AFA/Unit 284, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275