

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 5, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, RACES Radio Officer. There were 5 members present.

Minutes from the October 1st meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam, N8SVX gave a report on the radio equipment that has been purchased by the \$2000 grant money. The equipment has been delivered and just needs to be installed in the mobile communications vehicle.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the selling of the old ambulance. He has called several used ambulance dealers but because of the 6.9 liter engine they were not too interested. We are still waiting to hear back from the person that made us an offer before we decided to sale it.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on E-911. The Emergency Services Director is going to try to get enough money from the County Commission to have an engineering firm give us an estimate on a new building at the EOC that would be able to house an E-911 center.

Ken, WA8LLM said the cost of tower was higher than expected. The cost would be around \$1300 dollars plus shipping. We do have a chance of purchasing a used tower that is about eight years old, but in good shape. The used tower will cost us about \$12 less per section.

All of the equipment that was stored in a temporary storage building is back at the EOC garage. There needs to be some work parties to rearrange it and get it on the shelves so we can get the chair trailer inside and out of the weather.

The group was reminded of the Thanksgiving Safety Break which will be held November 27, 28, 29, 30, and December 1. There are still some openings on the schedule that need to be filled.

There was a discussion on the Christmas party. Aaron wasn't at the

meeting but he had pasted the word that the first Tuesday in December wasn't a good day for the party. It was decided to hold the party December 14th. Everyone should start coming at about 4:00pm and we will start eating at 5:00pm. There will be a gift exchange for those that want it. The gift should not exceed \$10 dollars.

The TOPO map reading class that was scheduled by Alan, N8POB will be held another day.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the hospital disaster drill that was held October 17th. There was a discussion on what needed to be done to improve the communications at future drills and real emergencies.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Jackson County repeater. Some of the members are wanting to get the new repeater on the air, so they may be up this coming Saturday to pick it up.

Ken, WA8LLM said he is still waiting to hear from the IRS about the status of our 501C3 Tax status. If we don't hear from them by the end of the year he will give them a telephone call.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that we have received permission to operate Safety Breaks over the Christmas and New Years Holidays. The Christmas Safety Break will be held from Monday, December 23rd at 12:00 noon through 6:00pm Wednesday the 25th. The New Years Safety Break will be held from Monday the 30th at 12:00 noon through 6:00pm Wednesday January 1st.

The next months meeting will start at the Wood County EOC and then go to the Camden Clark Hospital EOC. This will allow everyone a chance to see their EOC and how everything is set up and how to use the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM is hoping to install an antenna on the Quincy Hill tower site this coming weekend. The antenna will be used to move the remote receiver for the 147.255 Mhz repeater from St Joesph's Hospital. The antenna at St Joesph's Hospital will remain in place for a short time to make sure everything works out on Quincy Hill.

Ken, WA8LLM said he and Ken, KB8QPW have been working on getting the pages for the information book together. There are several pages

already complete, they just need to be put in the note books.

Pictures need to taken for the new ID cards. The old ones will expire December 31, 1996.

The next Wood County Fire Fighters Association meeting will be held at the Vienna Fire Station on November 11th at 7:00pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Bob Patterson WD5EXD/Unit 282, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Bill Hollandsworth N8KMN/Unit 254,