

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 1, 1996

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President, and Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ Unit 276, Assistant RACES Radio Officer. There were 5 members present.

Minutes from the September 3rd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam, N8SVX gave a report about the low band radio and other related equipment that was ordered using the money that was obtained through the \$2000 dollar grant. He said the equipment has arrived and should be delivered to us in the next few days. Within the next six months the radio needs to be installed in the mobile communications center so the people that gave us the grant can see how the money was spent.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the BINGO games at Volcano Days. All went well, even though it rained all day Saturday, and the festival crowd was down from the previous years. With a good Friday evening and a good Sunday crowd, we just about meet our goal.

Ken, KB8QPW gave a report on the cost of insurance for the Ambulance that was given to us by Camden Clark Hospital. He contacted several insurance agents and they said they couldn't sale us insurance that would be affordable due to the amount of licensed drivers that may be driving the vehicle. It was determined that we could either sale the ambulance or turn it over to the county so they could license and insure it. Leo, WA8BMA made a motion that we should sale it, seconded by Sam, N8SVX. Alan, N8POB made a suggestion that we contact some of the companies that buy and sale used fire, rescue and ambulance vehicles, followed by a lengthy discussion. Jeff Cline a visitor from Harrison County said they have sold used vehicles that were in worse shape than ours and got more money than they thought possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about an E-911 meeting with the County

Commissioners. He was asked by Steve Grimm how much room was available at the EOC. Ken told him there was plenty of room on the property of the EOC to build a sizeable building, large enough to house the E-911 center. Steve was also told the radios that are installed in the EOC could also be shared by E-911 center. The County Commissioners have ask Ken to check on the price of building a building that could house the E-911 center. Ken then drew a layout of where the new building could be built. The only things that need to be done is remove the old generator building and relocate the radio towers. Ken suggested installing two new commercial towers to replace the old rusted TV type towers. The towers would be 70 feet each and be placed on each end of the EOC building. Alan, N8POB made a motion to purchase the towers and start moving or installing new antennas, seconded by Sam, N8SVX. Sam will get the price of the tower, it's estimated the towers should cost less than \$1000 dollars. Before we can move the antennas, or install new antennas, we need to dig down to the three 4 inches tubes that are used to get the coax from the building the old towers.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the storage building at the EOC. Almost everything was removed out of it into a rented building. While the equipment was gone, shelves were installed so we could coordinate the equipment that we have, and give us room to work on projects inside, instead of outside during the winter. One of the projects that need to be done is repair and paint the chairs that we use for BINGO.

Leo, WA8BMA gave a report on the upcoming events in the next two months. The first event is the Lubeck Fun Run, which will be held October 5th at the Lubeck Fire Station. So far he has 9 radio operators available. The School Boy Regatta will be held October 12th. Ken, WA8LLM drew a picture on the board of how the races would be operated. He said they need 8 radio operators. So far Leo only has 4 radio operators available. The Hospital Disaster drill will be held October 17th at 1:30 PM. There needs to be 2 radio operators at each hospital, the Red Cross, Disaster Scene, and the EOC. So far there are 9 radio operators on the list.

Judy, N8UFQ brought a get well card to have everyone at the meeting sign and send to Al, N8UBG. Al had a Heart Attack September 20th. He will be off work for about six weeks.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Jackson County repeater that he is helping them build. He said that as time goes on he will start

building a new repeater for 147.255. The new repeater will have a new type controller which will be capable of a lot more functions.

Aaron, N8NVQ ask if the group was interested in having a Christmas party again this year. It was decided to have the party at the EOC. Aaron will take care of the arrangements, and see if he can get a donation from ??? Insurance, like in the past.

Ken, WA8LLM told about a bunch of TOPO maps that was given to us by Camden Clark Hospital they used when they had a Search and Rescue team. Alan, N8POB said he would try to hold a Map Reading class at the RACES meeting next month.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Alan Currence N8POB/Unit 274, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Kevin Harris Unit 553, Jeff Cline visitor from Harrison County.