

Town of Swansboro
Emergency Operations Center Committee
January 11, 2023, Regular Meeting

In attendance: Paula Webb, David Degnan, Dwayne Taylor, Andrea Correll, Commissioner Larry Philpott, Roy Herrick, Ed McHale, and Junior Freeman. Commissioner Jeff Conaway, Jonathan McDaniel, Brenda Pugliese, Laurent Meilleur, and Dusty Rhodes were absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

Minute Adoption

On a motion by Mr. Herrick, seconded by Mr. Taylor the September 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes and October 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted unanimously.

Becker Morgan Feasibility Study

Principal/Vice President of Becker Morgan, Ernie Olds, introduced himself and provided a background history of the firm. He further introduced Brice Reid, also in attendance, as the project manager.

Mr. Olds reviewed that the project scope would include researching the options of a dual-use facility, public-safety center, and a regional center. He reviewed the following anticipated concerns:

- Flood elevations (new regulations)
- Wind speed accommodations (increased design pressures)
- Requirements/standards to enhancing facility construction (Category IV per Chapter 16 of NC building code)
- Construction costs and funding challenges
- Building/Site Layout
- Integration of operations with other components of local public safety service

To begin the study Mr. Old indicated that the following details/documentation would be needed:

- Utility provider details for the area
- Surveys of the available properties
- Building plans from past renovations for Town Hall and the Public Safety Building

In response to inquiries from the Board, Mr. Olds shared that it was anticipated for a final deliverable of the feasibility study could be made withing 90 to 120 days, and that an initial assessment could be completed within a couple of weeks possibly in time for the next meeting on January 25, 2023. He indicated he would provide an update on progress to determine the need for that meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.