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**MINUTES OF VERMILION VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Committee Chairman Travis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll call showed the following present, Mark Travis and William Flott. Absent was Scot Wrighton. Also present were Candi Bradshaw and Randy Wittenberg.

Travis stated the main business of the meeting is to work on the 2018 budgets for 911/wireless and dispatch.

Wittenberg went through budget line items for 911/wireless. He looked at the year-end as of October. He reported the new rate for 911 won't go into effect until last 4 months of 2018. He went through each line item and a discussion was held on texting to 911. Some questions were asked and they were answered.

Next, Wittenberg went through the Dispatch budget. He reported they could get some new revenue if Long Point and Chatsworth start their own PD's. A discussion was held on what a minimum amount may be.

Wittenberg discussed that \$39,500 was the cost for repairs for the legacy UHF radio system, which now supports the fire departments. A discussion was held on who should bear the cost of this system if they choose not to go with Star Com. There was a long discussion on grants and Star Com.

Wittenberg explained his plan concerning work coverage with 12 full-time and 3 part-time employees. He stated wages includes 2% increase to begin the 1st of the year. A discussion was held on wages. He went through liability insurance which was included in maintenance agreements. He

stated some of the maintenance agreements will kick in this year. He reported 90% of radio repairs are going to Ragan for UHF system.

He reported there was an 8 ½% increase from 2017 to 2018 budget. A discussion was held on next year's budget and whether there was a need to increase fees. Wittenberg discussed ambulance fees and concerning using total divided by the number of calls.

It was discussed the fire departments EAV that determines their fees does not include areas outside Livingston County that they dispatch calls to. It was also discussed that the EAV's for Livingston County seemed to have gone down in the last couple of years. It is unknown as to why. Other options were discussed on what to do about raising fees. It was also discussed to go to other counties to see what they are doing.

After going through all of the budget Wittenberg stated he was going to Streater to see Wrighton and get his thoughts on it. He said they could then discuss those things at the next board meeting.

Closing comments from the public – None.

Closing comments from Chairman or board members – None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Flott with a second by Travis. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Candi Bradshaw 