



**Pierce County Board of Commissioners
Called Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

Commissioners in Attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman
Harold Rozier, District 1
David Lowman, District 4

Commissioners not in Attendance

Graham Raley, District 2
Randy Dixon, District 3

Staff in Attendance

Donna Golding, County Clerk

Staff not in Attendance

Raphel Maddox, County Manager
Adam Craft, County Attorney

1. Call to Order-Chairman Neal Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Invocation– Commissioner David Lowman
3. Pledge of Allegiance-Commissioner Harold Rozier
4. Discussion and action on PTSD insurance proposal-Chairman Neal Bennett and Commissioner David Lowman discussed the new state mandated insurance proposal. Two options were given to choose from. Option one doesn't include volunteer first responders. Commissioner David Lowman stated that the insurance needs to include all first responders and volunteer first responders. Option two includes all first responders and volunteer first responders. After discussing, Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to vote for option two. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded. Chairman Neal Bennett voted aye. The motion carried.

The ACCG-IRMA Critical Illness Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit and Long-Term Disability (Income Replacement) coverage components are designed to comply with House Bill 451 when purchased together. However, a county is

permitted to purchase only one component if you have existing coverage that complies with the new law.

Estimated annual premiums are based on the Eligible First Responder census data provided by the county. While the premiums below are estimated annual amounts, the county will be billed on a semiannual basis in an amount that reflects the county's updates to the census.

Component 1: Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit – All First Responders		(Mandated Limit)
Lifetime Benefit per first responder:	\$3,000	
Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit - Estimated Annual Premium for All First Responders:		\$6,118.00

Component 2: PTSD Disability Limit		
Employed First Responders		
Monthly benefit:	60% of pre-disability first responder	
Maximum monthly benefit per first responder:	\$5,000	
Estimated Annual Premium for Employed First Responders:		
Volunteer First Responders		
Monthly Benefit per first responder:	\$1,500	
Estimated Annual Premium for Volunteer First Responders:		\$4,590.00
PTSD Disability Limit – Estimated Annual Premium for All First Responders:		\$13,566.00

5. Discussion and adoption of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency supplemental Medical, Accident, and Disability Fund: First Responder PTSD Program-Chairman Neal Bennett stated that along with the state mandated PTSD insurance the county must have a resolution to implement it. Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner David Lowman seconded. Chairman Neal Bennett voted aye. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
ACCG - INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL, ACCIDENT, AND
DISABILITY FUND:
FIRST RESPONDER PTSD PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Article 9, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Georgia authorizes counties and other political subdivisions to contract with each other for activities which the contracting parties are authorized by law to undertake; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes counties to execute intergovernmental contracts to form, and become members of, an interlocal risk management agency for the purpose of sharing the risks of accident, disability, supplemental medical, general liability, motor vehicle liability, property damage, or any combination of such risks with those of other counties; and,

WHEREAS, counties within Georgia have found it increasingly difficult to obtain commercial insurance protection, and have found the costs of such protection often exceed the ability of a county to pay; and,

WHEREAS, counties in Georgia need a stable method for managing their risks to avoid the unpredictable and cyclical nature of the commercial insurance market; and,

WHEREAS, many Georgia counties do not have sufficient resources to self-insure their risks on an individual basis; and,

WHEREAS, through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, Georgia counties have created an intergovernmental risk management agency so that the Georgia counties may insure and/or self-insure their risks; and,

WHEREAS, the County of _____ Pierce _____ is an existing member of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia - Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter referred to as ACCG-IRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and previously has entered into an intergovernmental contract for the purpose of joining ACCG-IRMA and participating in the ACCG-IRMA Property and Liability Fund and/or the first Supplemental Medical.

of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the related Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Georgia.

SECTION 4

The continuing operations of ACCG-IRMA and the obligation of the County to fully participate in such operations shall be effectuated in accordance with the intergovernmental contract and ACCG-IRMA bylaws.

SECTION 5

The _____ Chairman _____ is designated as the County's representative to ACCG-IRMA. The County may change its representative by informing ACCG-IRMA of the change in writing.

SECTION 6

This resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval.

Adopted this _____ 13th _____ day of _____ November 20 21 _____.

Neal Bennett
Chairman or Sole Commissioner
County of _____ Pierce _____

ATTEST:

Donna Golding
Clerk of the County of _____ Pierce _____
(Imprint County Seal)



6. Adjournment-Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Neal Bennett
Chairman, Commissioners

Harold Rozier
Commissioner, District 1

Graham Raley
Commissioner, District 2

Randy Dixon
Commissioner, District 3

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