

CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
MAY 17TH, 2022

The Board convened on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, at 5:30 PM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn at the Chickasaw Event Center located at 301 N. Water New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Lee Huber, Tom Fennell, Toni Frederich, Cindy Shoemaker, Ovey Johnson, Mark Schuchhardt, Dawn Heying, Zach Heying, Shirley Troyna, Karen Clemens, Brannon Anderson, Laura Wickham, Carter Wickham, Doreen Cook, Jim Cook, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Jeff Bernatz, Lorraine Weidler, Alan Holbet, Dawn Staudt, Dee McGrath, Brad Wickham, Brian Laures, Penny Corbitt, Megan Baltes, Steve Diers, Jason Speltz, Marlilyn Stanton, Duane Stanton, Jeremy McGrath, Larry Laures, Steve McGrath, Sheriton Dettmer, Susan Geerts, Sue Breitbach, Randy Breitbach, Aaron Flugum, Zach Nosbisch, Ryan Shawver, Bridget Edson, Dave Laudner, Joshua Schuchhardt, Shirley Johnson, Mark Pitz, member of media, Mindy Humpal, and Bob Fenske, member of media. Chickasaw County Ambulance Council members were present Mark Muetherthies, Bobby Schwickerath, Amy Laures, Jim Ashley, Randy Taylor, Dave Geerts, James Mitchell, Samantha Johnson, and Jacob Hackman.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for May 17th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Tom Fennell and Lee Huber from Safetech Solutions provided a presentation on the assessment needs of the County for an EMS System for Chickasaw County that completes phase 1 of the feasibility study.

Doreen Cook made a public comment on the costs that are not included in the expenditures within the presentation. Fennell responded to Cook's concern that these were estimated expenditures.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment about how the skew of numbers on the governmental portion versus the commercial portion would decrease the liability of the government financial responsibility. Fennell responded to Mitchell's concern on how to decrease the liability of government's financial responsibility.

Matthew Kuhn made a public comment about whether Safetech was provided with necessary financial information from the current provider in order to collect the data to appropriately convey the expenditures and revenues within this study. Fennell responded by stating the current provider's financials was not audited or reviewed.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment about whether Safetech feels that there is a good structure of first responders. Fennell responded that they did not get into the structure of the Rescue Squad. Huber responded that the structure of Rescue Squad would be a major factor and how that would marry into responding to 911 calls.

Sam Johnson made a public comment about the chute times and in house accommodations to better chute times versus responding from home. Fennell responded by saying keeping staff in house produces better chute times as there is no travel time to where the ambulances would be housed.

Sam Johnson made a public comment about whether Safetech contacted with Floyd County. Fennell responded they did speak to Floyd and other service providers in the area.

Randy Taylor made a public comment about if the system modules are listed by preference. Fennell responded they are not in any order.

Jim Ashley made a public comment about how to proceed with the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and the Board of Supervisors to discuss today's presentation. Fennell responded that it all depends on what the Council and the Supervisors decide to do moving forward.

David Laudner made a public comment about which four models does Safetech deem to be the best option for Chickasaw County. Fennell responded that they provided four options so the appetite for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and the Board of Supervisors.

Josh Schuchhardt made a public comment on the struggle for ALS and AMT's. Fennell responded that they had to create a goal to shoot for. Huber addressed that the scope of care is a huge difference with an AMT level of care.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on the difficulty of filling a paramedic position in a neighboring county. Fennell responded that the community can make the difference and not be the difference.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on the rate of pay for the backup truck for being on call. Fennell responded that it is all over the board.

Brad Wickham made a public comment on the attitude towards the first responders and re-evaluating the structure of first responders and rescue squad to create efficiencies while backing the efforts of those volunteers.

Steve Diers made a public comment on the for profit with or without subsidy in order to not run a deficit and what should a profit business with subsidized funds be able to net. Fennell responded that the key performance indicators are being met then they are meeting the needs of the community and the cost is something should not be the sole basis of a decision.

Tim Zoll made a public comment about the third truck be housed in the same facility. Fennell responded that they should be in case of mechanical issues.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment that he felt the information presented tonight was nothing new or unknown and is still unsure on what path to take.

Sam Johnson made a public comment on clarification on how the multiple trucks work. Huber responded that three trucks is adequate.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on if Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates were gathered. Fennell responded that they did use the current reimbursement rates.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board