

Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Committee  
September 4, 2022

Meeting to order at 1605 by Bridget Edson

Roll Call: Bridget Edson, Joshua Schuchhardt, Jeff Bernatz, Matt Kuhn, Jessie Durnan, Doreen Cook, Joel Knutson

Guests: Jeremy McGrath

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schuchhardt to approve the agenda. All Ayes Motion Carried

Discussion on ambulance equipment

Schuchhardt recommended that the group go through McGrath's list of equipment and decide what equipment we would want from him.

Lifepaks were crossed off of McGrath's list because the committee would recommend buying those new.

Edson advised that she spoke with Ken Rasing, former EMA Director, about the LUCAS devices. They were acquired through an EMS grant that was part of a settlement and were not purchased with tax dollars. The LUCAS devices were then transferred to McGrath for the ambulance service.

Advisory committee is interested in McGrath's stairchairs (Stryker & Ferno)

McGrath advised the Pulse Oxymeter that he had would be 2 big and one fingertip

Discussion on oxygen bags, currently McGrath has Curaplex (Boundtree brand) listing for 241.99. Schuchhardt advised that they are in good shape.

Thomas ALS Ultra pack \$559.99 at Boundtree, McGrath had it listed at \$150/ea

Thomas Padded drug case 113.99 at Boundtree, McGrath had it listed for \$75/ea

Thomas Aeromed Bag 197.99 at Boundtree, McGrath had it listed for \$100/ea

Thomas Intubation Kit does include the Miller and Macintosh blades \$148.99 at Boundtree, McGrath had it listed for \$100/ea

McGrath advised that one of the laptops was 6 or 7 years old while the other was 2 years old with a 5 year warranty. McGrath had it listed for \$1500 but would sell it for \$1000

Discussion on oxygen, McGrath contracts with Superior Welding for gas services. If you rent O2 bottles from the vendor they are made of steel and become a weight issue. McGrath believed his lease on the steel 125s is until April 2023, if Chickasaw buys his equipment then he will try to transfer the account and Chickasaw could receive the first 4 months for free.

Advisory committee does recommend purchasing the Laerdal Backstrap backboards, but not the flat blue backboards.

Advisory committee does recommend purchasing the plastic scoop stretcher but not the metal one.

Advisory committee does not recommend the purchase of the Pedi-sleeve.

Advisory committee recommends purchasing the KED boards for \$100

Discussion on the vacuum splints and mattress. Need to inspect both and make sure the pump is included.

Multi-pak manual BP kit for \$150

Glucometer had been replaced in the last year due to lack of replacement strips. Had to buy a whole new kit just to get more strips. \$30/ea

Advisory committee does not recommend the Streamlight SL20 flashlights.

Schuchhardt discussed the age and life expectancy of the IV warmer. McGrath reminded the committee that it is a warmer so it is only used 3 months of the year.

Discussed Rubbermaid and Craftsman storage cabinets.

Discussed the cleaning supplies. Committee wanted to know the brand -McGrath advised that it is Malco, which supplies to all the local car dealers as well.

Discussion on consumables, McGrath listed market value because he thinks the easiest process for both parties is to in November have a couple people do inventory and it will be sold at the Boundtree market value for that item. McGrath also offered to make sure if we buy his equipment then he will guarantee a three month supply on hand.

Schuchhardt reminded the committee that McGrath's price includes the 2016 Ford E450 Medix ambulance.

McGrath provided two comparables for the 2016 Ford E450 Medix ambulance.

McGrath explained mechanical maintenance on the 2016 E450 Medix Ambulance. Spark plug and spark plug wires replaced, steering gear box replaced, transmission was not engaging - Molstead Motors put in new pump. McGrath did preventative maintenance at 80,000 miles.

Knutson requested to know the number of lifts on the Stryker cot. McGrath knew that the screen displayed the hours but didn't know about the lifts. McGrath will check.

When asked about the mechanical ventilator McGrath stated that the current ventilator is easier to use and can be used by EMTs. Knutson recommends getting one good vent and one basic vent. Knutson does not know if we need three at this time.

The Advisory Committee discussed transmitting capabilities with the loaner LifePak 15 that would be provided by Physio-Control until the new ones arrive. McGrath advised that if the other party that wants to buy his cardiac monitor does not want the modem then Chickasaw could buy them and make the loaner able to transmit.

Edson asked if this dollar amount included McGrath helping with licensing and protocols. McGrath said it did.

McGrath recommended that if they can save money in one area and maybe spend a little more in another area he would recommend getting a (Ford F450) 4x4 truck chassis for the weather conditions here.

McGrath highly recommended ESO for patient care reporting software.

McGrath provided comparables off of Ambulance Trader. Kuhn provided a price for McGrath's 2016 Ford E450 Medix Ambulance from Klocke.

Kuhn discussed the LUCAS devices. McGrath's devices are 2017 models. Cook reminded the committee of the liability with this equipment. Schuchhardt explained that the LUCAS device in Medic 6 is the only one that has been used. McGrath advised that he didn't know if he wanted to separate the LUCAS devices from all of the other equipment.

Motion by Schuchhardt second by Bernatz to recommend to the BOS to purchase equipment from Northeast Iowa EMS in the amount of \$149,920.00. McGrath offered to have his attorney draw up a purchase agreement. Cook, Kuhn, Durnan all agree that the LUCAS Devices were acquired by a grant and don't feel right being charged for them. Schuchhardt questioned if maybe we just pay the maintenance cost.

Schuchhardt nay

Bernatz nay

Knutson - nay

Durnan - nay

Cook - nay

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Kuhn - nay  
Edson - Aye

Cook would like to see better comparisons for the ambulance. Cook is looking at mileage and what each ambulance has on it. The comparables that McGrath presented were a 2015 Crestline for \$74,000 and a 2016 Osage for \$39,500.

Durnan requested an option of removing the LUCAS devices and agree to the other equipment. Cook agreed.

Motion by Schuchhardt, second Durnan to recommend to BOS to purchase equipment listed without the LUCAS devices from Northeast Iowa EMS in the amount of \$109,920 pending the ability to find comparables. Kuhn would like to verify if an auto-load in the 2016 Ford E450 Medix Ambulance. McGrath recommended not spending that much money for a third backup rig.

Schuchhardt - Aye  
Durnan - Aye  
Cook - Aye  
Bernatz - Aye  
Kuhn - Aye  
Edson - Aye  
Knutson - Aye

CARRIED 7-0

Edson asked the status of McGrath's building being for sale. McGrath would entertain a discussion. When originally discussed McGrath's price was \$400,000.

Motion by Cook, second by Knutson to recommend to BOS to purchase the Northeast Iowa EMS's disposable equipment at Boundtree Market Value with IEMSA discount and expiration after May 1, 2023. Inventory will be done mid December 2022. Minimum two to three months supply.

Cook - Aye  
Knutson - Aye  
Durnan - Aye  
Schuchhardt- Aye  
Kuhn - Aye  
Edson - Aye  
Bernatz - Aye

CARRIED 7-0

Edson reminded the committee that she sent out a survey to try to capture everyone's availability for meetings.

McGrath left meeting

Knutson left meeting

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schuchhardt to recommend to the BOS to have ambulances stationed within the city limits of New Hampton. All Ayes. M/C Knutson absent

Motion by Kuhn second by Schuchhardt to amend prior motion to recommend to BOS to station first and second rigs be stationed within the city limits of New Hampton. All Ayes Knutson Absent

Motion by Kuhn seconded by Schuchhardt to recommend to BOS to station first and second rigs within the city limits of New hampton. All Ayes M/c Knutson Absent

Schuchhardt spoke to Dr. Kline about the Medical Director position. Dr. Kline would be interested.

The Advisory Committee does not believe they need to hire a consultant and will divide up the statement of work amongst the members to complete at the next meeting.

Edson talked about information she received from Aaron Flugum (MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center) about free linen, free cell phones, pharmacy, vendor relationship, and hosting an EMS Night at MercyOne. Aaron Flugum also offered to pay for a direct mailing for the Director position.

Edson provided the committee with a list of current EMS providers in Chickasaw County.

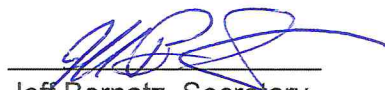
Schuchhardt wants to get working on shifts, uniforms, and branding.

Kuhn discussed talking to businesses and discussing letting their employees respond to an ambulance call from the business for a back-up call.

Cook discussed the new organizational checklist.

Next meetings will be September 8, 2022 at 16:00 & September 14, 2022 at 16:00

Motion by Schuchhardt, second by Cook to adjourn at 1930 All Ayes Motion Carried.

  
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Jeff Bernatz, Secretary  
Chickasaw EMS Advisory Committee