

Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Committee Meeting
9/8/22

Called to order by Bridget Edson at 1605

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

Guest: Terry Johnson

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schuchhardt to approve the September 2, 2022 meeting minutes with the deletion of the 'l' after Knutson in the last line of page one. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Schuchhardt, second by Durnan to approve the September 4, 2022 meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion on ambulances and durable equipment. BOS have gone ahead with purchasing 2 new ambulances from LifeLine, 3 Zoll cardiac monitors, and 3 Stryker LUCAS devices. Schuchhardt has been tasked with finding comparables for all other equipment. BOS will do a budget amendment as soon as the comparables are presented and the Auditor's office can draw it up.

Kuhn spoke with Foster Coach Ambulance to try to get a comparable price on used ambulances and they did not want to get involved with Chickasaw County because of the negative atmosphere that has been created in this process.

Cook informed the committee that LifeLine gave Nashua information on a used ambulance with 90,000 miles for \$18,000. Cook did not know the manufacture date of that used ambulance.

Knutson asked about IO equipment that was not listed on McGrath's list. Bernatz advised that McGrath went away from the EZIO because of battery issues. McGrath now used NIO IO devices. Knutson also asked about IV pumps. Durnan advised the ambulance service uses the IV pumps from the hospital. Durnan confirmed that the relationship would continue.

Edson began to assign jobs

Schuchhardt was assigned equipment pricing and comparables.

Kuhn asked about the vents on McGrath's list, he was under the impression that we did not want them, but it was still listed in the final price. Cook reminded the committee that Bernatz was going to check with HSEMD for availability. If the HSEMD option does not pan out, Knutson recommended Impact Venu by Zoll or Ventec Vocsn vent made by Ford. Knutson also discussed an auto vent that gives 100% oxygen. Kuhn is not interested in McGrath's used vents.

Kuhn advised he would rather purchase a new portable suction unit for \$655 rather than \$500 for McGrath's used ones.

Cook informed those that were not at the BOS meeting, why they went against the recommendation and chose Zoll cardiac monitors. Kuhn addressed the advisory committee that this committee is an advisory committee, the BOS are the ones that make the final decision and have to field the phone calls from the taxpayers. Kuhn reminded the committee that Physio-Control recommends not using a LifePak on patients younger than eight years of age.

Edson discussed equipment that has been removed from McGrath's list needs to be ordered as soon as possible. Schuchhardt advised he gets the feeling that none of McGrath's equipment will be purchased by BOS so do they even need to continue researching comparables. Kuhn recommended purchasing equipment with the longest lead time. Edson agreed but also added that the items that we know for sure that will not be purchased from McGrath should be ordered as well.

Cook will research malpractice insurance for the service. Kuhn will reach out to PCC for billing which will coincide with insurance.

Kuhn advised the group that he received the VIN for the new ambulance.

Edson advised the committee that we should have only one point of contact with the state for licensing.

Kuhn advised the committee that he talked to Gary Merrill about the Medical Director position because neither Dr. Brinkman or Dr. Kline wanted to be the only Medical Director. Kuhn asked about co-medical directors, Merrill advised that is an option, but the position will attach to only one medical license. Dr. Brinkman will be the Medical Director and Dr. Kline will be the Deputy Medical Director.

Edson discussed a group that has been formed with 8 counties including 18 ems services. This group has its own board and writes their own protocols. They have offered to let Chickasaw look at their protocols. This group has developed an app so that all their responders have access to the protocols at all times. Knutson in his profession has composed protocols compiled from multiple agencies that he worked for and would like to compare his to theirs.

Cook will call Gary Merrill to find out if the medical director has to sign off on each employee.

Kuhn will check with Tim Zoll to see if Heartland Insurance would insure the equipment.

Cook will work on the licensing requirements through IDPH.

Knutson and Durnan will work on protocols and CLIA - lab license for blood sugar.

Discussion on location and quarters - Kuhn advised the committee that Samuels Group will provide an assessment for location and quarters. Kuhn and Bernatz will work on this.

Discussion on compensation and scheduling. Cook believes the EMS Director should be involved in the creation of the schedule. Edson presented a schedule that involves having "driver only" coming from a business in town. Bernatz questioned that approach as he thought the whole goal was to have the first up 24/7 crew on site. Knutson discussed an option on the ESO software with capabilities to do scheduling and certification tracking. Kuhn discussed a model supplied by Iowa Falls EMS. Knutson discussed services are going more towards a continuous pay scale instead of uptime and downtime. Edson and Kuhn will be on this committee.

BOS have spent \$661,333.20 to date.

Advertising and recruitment. BOS posted in 6 or 7 publications. Jenny Monteith with MercyOne will help with advertising. MercyOne would provide the meal for an EMS appreciation night. Town Hall meetings will follow with more information and options to present. Chickasaw EMA will be hosting an EMT class following harvest.

Knutson would like to know why the EMS Director position is left open for 30 days, he was told most sites offered 30 day rates.

Discussion on who should be on the hiring committee. Cook believes one of these people should have budget experience and EMS experience. Edson recommended the Sheriff, as a department head. Knutson said emergency management should be involved. Lisa Welter, Director of Public Health, and Matt Kuhn Board of Supervisors.

Edson will check with the Chickasaw Event Center for availability for EMS Town Hall. First week of November would be a public open meeting for recruiting. Knutson and Cook want this meeting done as soon as possible. Edson wants to make sure we have the information that may be requested at those meetings.

Branding and Public Relations - Jenny Monteith recommended having Heather Mauer at Rapid Printers draw up 5 options for the logo.

Future agenda items

Bernatz will talk to Jacob Nichols about ventilators from the strategic stockpile. If that is not an option, then Knutson recommended looking into the Zoll ventilator.

Committee discussed taking out the mount, ventilator, suction, and the ambulance from McGrath's list. Schuchhardt discussed the comparables that he had researched.

Aeromed bag used 150.00
Pulse ox used 244.20
Dell laptop 1578.00
Ferno stair chair 3060.00
Stryker stair chair 2396.00
Oxygen bag 199.00
Oxygen bottle 80.00
IV fluid warmer 299.99
Ked board 85.00

Cook advised the committee that the oxygen regulators were not on McGrath's anymore.

Cook advised the committee that Gary Merrill told her that they would start the licensing process and classify it as a non-transport service and then once all the boxes are checked they would switch it to a transport service.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Durnan to recommend to BOS to purchase this list minus suction, mount, vent, power cot, and 2016 Ford E450 ambulance pending if Jeremy is willing to do that. Kuhn - Aye, Durnan - Aye, Bernatz - Aye, Cook - Aye, Knutson - Aye. Edson - Nay. Abstention Schuchhardt. Motion carried

Next meeting 9-15-22 4pm Community Services Building

Motion by Kuhn, second by Schuchhardt to adjourn at 1847hr. All Ayes Motion Carried.



Jeff Bernatz, Secretary
EMS Advisory Committee