

EMS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

9/15/2022

Called to order at 1603 by Chair Edson.

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

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

Motion by Schuchhardt, second by Durnan to approve the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Discussion on the EMS Ordinance No. V-17. Even though there are 28Es in place, the BOS needs to express the need for an EMS entity. Once this is approved, the budget amendment process can start.

Discussion on the budget. Kuhn did not include shipping cost for the LUCAS devices. The shipping cost is an additional \$442.70. BOS approved to also pay the shipping cost. Dollars spent to date is \$661,775.90 with a remainder of \$88,224.10

Cook advised the committee that Rob Sands was here yesterday and told the group that APRA rules changed in April 2021 to allow payment of wages. Sands also said that it was OK for the BOS to refuse giving county ARPA money to Nashua and Alta Vista by BOS vote.

Chickasaw County Auditor is meeting with her mentor to find out if there is another way to run the ARPA funds through for purchases. You can create an ARPA fund but need an entity to run it through for spending. Concern was that the remaining ARPA funds would end up in the ending fund balance.

Kuhn discussed line items that he came up with for the budget. Schuchhardt wanted uniforms added to line items. Committee suggested \$5,000 for items.

Bernatz asked if the radios will be covered under the county Heartland Inland marine insurance. Kuhn did not know. Cook advised she talked with Tim Zoll today and he advised that Heartland Insurance did not know what they were going to insure.

Edson would like office equipment and furniture and appliances added to line items.

Kuhn will take the line item suggestions to the BOS for approval.

Committee agrees that the new employees should start working as soon as they are hired.

Kuhn added EMS hourly, FICA, and Health Insurance to line items.

Bernatz advised the committee that he has secured 3 VOCSN ventilators from HSEMD/DAS and will pick them up next time he is in Des Moines

Durnan and Schuchhardt went through an inventory list and worked on a new purchase list. Schuchhardt is working with Stryker on the power cots. Stairchairs are 15 weeks out.

Schuchhardt has changed his email address to joshccems@gmail.com

Durnan spoke about cardiac monitor mounts. Durnan gave 3 quotes. Committee will recommend buying the Techimount because it has a counter top mount and cot mount. Best care for the pt.

Bernatz will set up a spreadsheet to show items purchased, when arrived, etc, and will use Salamander for inventory control.

Kuhn discussed possibly updating the second rig to a 4x4 truck chassis.

Discussion on durable medical equipment.

Knutson recommended the King Vision Video Laryngoscope with pediatric capabilities.

Kuhn would like to see soft restraints added to the list.

After the durable medical list is finalized, Schuchhardt will start on the consumable list.

Cook talked to Gary Merill about if the medical director has to approve the crew, they do not.

New service will be created as non-transport to start the licensing process and then changed to transport once the rigs pass inspection.

Cook has a meeting with Bob Vrzak about insurance tomorrow.

Durnan will get the pharmacy agreement from the hospital.

It will be recommended for Bernatz to be the interim EMS Director for licensing purposes.

Durnan is working with a hospital lab on the CLIA waiver.

Bernatz handed out a drawing idea for quarters and offices at the community services building.

Edson discussed the EMS Appreciation Night to be sponsored by the MercyOne and Hosted by EMS Advisory Committee.

Knutson talked about the vote in New Hampton to move LOST money from infrastructure to EMS.

Schuchhardt discussed what it would take to sign up for ESO.

Edson would like to move EMS Advisory Committee meetings to Tuesdays. Next meeting will be Sept 20, 2022, 3pm, at the Community Services Building.

Schuchhardt addressed the rumors of the county not hiring EMTs. Discussion was had about shifts and staffing.

Motion by Schuchhardt, second by Cook, to adjourn at 1953. All ayes. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bernatz', written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Bernatz, Secretary
EMS Advisory Committee