

Cass County EMS Board

Wednesday October 13, 2021

Minutes from October 6, 2021 Meeting

The October 6th meeting was called to order by Commissioner Browning. Commissioner Browning made nominations that was second by Ed Schroeder for the following:

President: Mike Deitrich
Vice President: Brent Ahrens
Secretary: Rick Bair

Nominations carried and a vote was taken with all in favor and 0 opposed. A nomination was made by Mike Deitrich and second by Ed Schroeder for Attorney Stanton to represent the board. The nomination carried and a vote was taken with all in favor and 0 opposed.

Attorney Stanton then spoke on the Statue allowing for purchasing without the need to acquire bids. Mr. Stanton had referred to the use of emergency IC Code 522.104 he had also spoke with representatives at the state level in regards to the need for equipment in a short time frame due to the 90 day notice that was provided by the current Phoenix EMS system. They will be ceasing all operations with the 911 system in Cass County on December 24, 2021. He was advised that this is an emergency situation and that it would fall under the emergency no bid code and the we just need to have detailed information on what we purchase and the reason for it.

Jeremy Hall with Cass County HR spoke in regards to the benefits that are offered by the county. He explained the Medical insurance that is with ELAP and how works, provided the deductible amounts of 2500 for single and 5000 for a family plan. They do have a HSA and contribute 250.00 single and 500.00 family if the employee participates in the wellness. They also offer the use of the Health clinic for the individual and family. Dental insurance is provided by Delta Dental and eye care by VSP. Insurance cost at this time is budgeted for 15,144 per employee for the 2022 year. There is also the PERF benefit through INPRS the employee contributes 3% of their pay and is vested in the system at 10 years of full time service. The rate of retirement is based on the employees 5 highest paid years of service.

Commissioner Browning spoke of some of the equipment needs and that he had received the Quote for the Zoll x series Advance monitors. The Quote called for 3 new monitors that are compatible with the recently purchased Zoll auto pulse machines for each of the county fire departments. The Quote also called for upgrading 2 of the current monitors with Galveston Fire free of charge. The Quote for the 3 new monitors and free upgrade is : \$131,910.03. He then discussed the Quote for the Stryker power load and power cot along with the Stryker stair chairs. The Quote called for 3 stair chairs, 3 power cots, 3 power load systems installed in the 3 ambulances with the preventative service contract. Their was much research



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Mike

Dietrich
President

done on the power load system and it was concluded that the power load system has been proven to save workers comp claims due to the system doing the lifting and loading while placing the patient in the ambulance. This Qoute came in at \$135,760.20.

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

A motion was made to recommend the purchase of the following equipment by Commissioner Browning and second by Brent Ahrens for:

QTY	Item
3	Zoll X Series Advance monitors (\$131,,910.03)
2	Upgrades to Galveston Fire Zoll X series monitors (Free)
3	Power Load system + Power Cots, Stryker Stair Chair, Preventative service plan (\$135,760.20)

Rick Bair
Secretary

The motion passed 7 for and 0 opposed.

Board Members

Ed Schroeder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

President Deitrich asked for Commissioner Browning to speak on the information he had found out about the 2 Type 3 ambulances he had researched with Arrow Ambulances.

The first is a 2019 Ford E450 Type 3 Wheeled Coach with 19,200 miles. 6.8L V-10 gas engine this ambulance is priced at 119,900.00.

The second is a 2017 Chevrolet G4500 Type 3 NVEW Ambulance with 14,900 miles 6.0 L V-8 gas engine and is priced at \$109,900.00.

Board Attorney

Jeffrey Stanton

These two ambulances would come with a 5,000.00 graphics package and freight bringing the total cost to \$ 242,800.00.

These ambulances are available and would be delivered in time to guarantee we would have them at the service day. A third ambulance could possibly be purchased from Carrol County at \$40,000.00. There was much discussion about these purchases the main concern is we need to guarantee delivery of at least 2 ambulances by the first week or two of December. We had discussed this and a motion was made by Rick Bair and second by Brent Ahrens to have Commissioner Browning reach out to Arrow Ambulances if we are satisfied with what we see in a virtual meeting with Arrow ambulances and can see the ambulances whether in person or virtually then we will make a recommendation to purchase these to the Commissioners. This motion passed 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brent Ahrens & Second by Ryan Browning.

Next Meeting Wednesday October 11, 2021