



Cass County EMS Board



Mike Deitrich
President

The December 5, 2021 meeting of the Cass County EMS board was opened at 6:30 PM.

Board members present were: Mike Deitrich, Rick Bair, Ed Schroder, Dave Morris, Ryan Browning, Board Attorney Jeff Stanton.

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

Board members absent: Brent Ahrens & Brian Reed.

A motion was made by Ryan Browning & second by Ed Schroder to accept the minutes from November 17, 2021. The motion passed 5-0.

Rick Bair
Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

Director Fort reported on the graphics for the ambulances. He heard back from Suttons and they priced the graphics to be between 3,200.00 - 3,500.00 with removal of the old graphics from the Carrol County ambulance at \$500.00. Ryan Browning made a motion to proceed with having Sutton do the graphics along with rear chevron. This motion was second by Rick Bair. The motion passed 5-0.

Board Members

Ed Schroder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

NEW BUSINESS

Director Fort reported that interviews for full time staff was completed and he has hired 18 full time staff. This puts the Cass County Ambulance Service fully staffed so they will have 2 staffed ALS trucks and 1 Staffed BLS truck. All employees will have Orientation on December 10th starting at 10:30 and finish up at approximately 5:30PM.

Director Fort has also spoke with Nate from Phoenix and Nate has offered to work with us on any equipment or supplies that we may be delayed in receiving. Nate has said that they would lend any equipment or sell any supplies that they may have to the CCEMS until we can receive all of ours that is ordered. Nate wants to go in to the East end station around the 13th of December and remove all of Phoenix property, Director Fort is going to be present and then he can move staff to the High St station and can work with Ryan Browning and Rick Bair on making some station improvements. This isn't expected to be anything more than some flooring and paint. Ryan and Rick will get together to discuss the funding of this.

Director Fort has said that supplies are coming in daily for now they are being held at Galveston FD. They will soon be moved to the High St station.

SOP'S are complete with the exception of some that are related to the narcotics, since this hasn't been decided on what the trucks will carry yet. This is going to be discussed with the Medical Director. The Medical Director is going to be Dr Sansone located at Lafayette IU Arnett Hospital.

Board Attorney

Jeffrey Stanton



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Dr Sansone has agreed to becoming the Medical Director and taking on the volunteer department in Cass County. He will charge a fee for his service along with requiring a contract. Director Fort is working with him on this currently.

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

LMH contacted Director Fort regards to utilizing the service as a 3rd option for transporting out critical patients. LMH said they would provide a nurse with the transport. The board discussed this Ryan Browning made a motion for us to get our service up and running first then re-evaluate in 3-6 months. This was second by Rick Bair. The motion passed 5-0.

Rick Bair
Secretary

Director Fort spoke with the board on the Handtevy system for use with pediatric patients. This system is a resuscitation system that is proven to save lives in pediatric patients by reducing errors. He has spoken with the Cass County Health department about this and with the high rate of pediatric fatalities in Cass County he feels it would be very beneficial. It does come with a cost of around \$20,000.00 that is with CCEMS, Logansport Fire & Galveston Fire all being able to utilize the program. Director Fort is working with the Health Department on some funding opportunities and will report back to the board with some details.

Board Members

Ed Schroder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

Rick Bair asked Director Fort if he feels that he should have a ALS monitor like have been purchased for the other ambulances due to him being a chase vehicle. The Director agreed that this would be an asset. Ed Schroder made a motion that we purchase the monitor for the director this was second by Rick Bair. There was some discussion on this so Ed Schroder withdrew his motion then revised it. The motion was made that the director research the cost of a new monitor and a used monitor compare the warranties and be sure that the motor is the same as the Zoll monitors we purchased for the other units. The director can then use his best judgement on what purchase to make. This motion was second by Rick Bair. The motion passed 5-0.

Board Attorney

Jeffrey Stanton

Attorney Stanton reported to the board that a resolution has been drafted on the donation of the Carrol County ambulance by Carrol County attorney. Attorney Stanton has drafted a resolution on the acceptance of this. This will all be done on December 6 @ 9 AM in Carrol County and at 1PM in Cass County. He then spoke regards to the contract Med Bill and wanted to clarify that ESO is included in this with Med Bill. He has no major issues with the contract just some minor grammar and verbiage. Also the fee schedule will be going in front of the commissioners on Monday, December 6th.

Mr. Stanton then informed the board that the courts in Louisiana recently granted a preliminary injunction on the CMS mandate.

Director Fort commented that the County Council will be establishing a non reverting fund for the CCEMS money to be deposited in.

Ryan Browning asked that we start putting a spot on the agenda for the Attorney.



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Rick Bair asked the board to set the dates for the 2022 meetings. The board discussed this. The board will skip the first Wednesday in January then continue on every Wednesday through January then move to Quarterly meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings will continue to be at 6:30PM. Below is the scheduled meeting dates for 2022:

Brent Ahrens
Vice President

January 12, 2022
January 19, 2022
January 26, 2022
March 9, 2022

Rick Bair
Secretary

June 8, 2022
September 14, 2022
December 14, 2022

A motion was made by Ryan Browning to accept the meeting dates as presented and second by Dave Morris. Motion passed 5-0.

Board Members

Ed Schroder
Dave Morris
Ryan Browning
Brian Reed

Public Comments:

None

Board Member Comments:

Ryan Browning asked Director Fort if he was going to have Alexis as his Deputy Director. He said he has spoken with her about it she isn't sure if she wants to take on that role yet. Ryan encouraged Director Fort to have a Deputy Director to help when he is unavailable.

Board Attorney

Jeffrey Stanton

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Motion to adjourn:

Ryan Browning & Dave Morris all in favor 5-0.