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The Ida County EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on September 3, 2024, at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital Conference Rooms 1,2 and 3. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Larry Folk with the following members present: Deb Ulrich, Beth Schossow, Joyce Schnabel, Gary Wanberg, Charles Coll, Megan Wellendorf, Rachel Burns, Corey Trucke. Ida County Auditor Charlys Folk was also present.

Introductions were held. Charles Coll is attending for the first time representing Holstein Fire and Ambulance and is their Assistant Ambulance Coordinator.

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Deb Ulrich, all voting aye.

Chair Larry Folk opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were heard.

The council discussed a name change, from Ida County Emergency Services to Ida County EMS. Corey explained that initially, in 2021 when this service was started, we were not certain of all the roles that were going to be taken on by this department, but as it has taken shape, and funding has changed, it has become clear that this department focuses on EMS. Corey explained that the Emergency Services name sometimes causes confusion for the public and vendors. Motion by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Joyce Schnabel to rename Ida County Emergency Services to Ida County EMS, all voting aye.

The council discussed a WITCC proposal for an EMT course. The proposal from WITCC is for up to 12 students for a total cost of \$16,700, which includes instructor wages and all direct course expenses. The group discussed attendance eligibility and agreed on an application process. Corey will create an application on Google Forms for individuals who want to take the class to fill out. It was the consensus that the Council will cover students course costs, plus their first attempt of the NREMT and their Iowa certification fees. Mileage and medical expenses will be the responsibility of the student and/or their sponsoring EMS agency. Larry Folk reached out to IWCC to get a proposal from them for the class. There was discussion about whether IWCC would be able to offer the class in Ida County. Motion by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Deb Ulrich to table the WITCC proposal pending more information.

The Council considered a quote of \$49,116.00 from Karl's Chevrolet for a 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 PPV. Corey explained that this is the state bid price for this vehicle, and



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that Karl's is the exclusive holder of the state bid pricing. Corey stated that the price is somewhat higher than he had anticipated because the SSV packages are all sold out so we would have to go with the more expensive PPV package. Corey stated that given what is available on state bid right now, the only other potentially suitable option is a Durango which may not fully suit our needs. Motion by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Joyce Schnabel to approve the quote from Karl's, all voting aye.

The Council considered upfit quotes from Karl's Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$13,920.81 and from Grove's Emergency Lighting Installation in the amount of \$8692.44. Corey reported that he had worked with both to keep the upfit costs as reasonable as possible. Motion by Deb Ulrich, seconded by Megan Wellendorf to approve the quote from Grove's Emergency Lighting Installation in the amount of \$8692.44, all voting aye.

The Council considered approximately \$1200 to be spent locally at Vollmar Motors for mud flaps, running boards, and a tonneau cover for this truck. Motion by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Joyce Schnabel to approve this expense, all voting aye.

The Council considered a quote of approximately \$1400 from Amy's Signs for vehicle graphics. Motion by Joyce Schnabel, seconded by Deb Ulrich to approve this estimate. Deb Ulrich, Beth Schossow, Joyce Schnabel, Charles Coll, Megan Wellendorf and Larry Folk voting aye, Gary Wanberg voting nay.

Auditor Charlys Folk reported that the bonding process for building renovations was complete, and that \$769,825.40 will be deposited into the EMS account for building renovation. The Council thanked Charlys for her work throughout this process.

Larry Folk reported that he had applied for a Missouri River Historical Development grant in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with building renovations. Larry reported that we had passed the primary screening process and were now in final review, and that awards will be announced on October 4. Larry reported that he is continuing to research and apply for additional grant/funding opportunities.

Corey reported that Bacon Creek had not yet produced bid specifications for building renovation, but that they had indicated they were going to begin work on them this week.

Corey reported that he had met with Horn administration about the possibility of them temporarily housing EMS staff while the building is being renovated. Horn would be able



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to accommodate staff between 3 and 5 nights a week, and Corey will work with them on scheduling as staff begin working in November.

The Council reviewed the draft wage scale and job descriptions. Corey reported that he had modified the wage scale since the last meeting to allow the hiring steps to be negotiable depending on experience for the Lead Paramedic position. Corey stated that he feels the Lead Paramedic is going to be a critical position and the negotiating ability may produce better applicants. Motion by Beth Schossow, seconded by Megan Wellendorf to approve the wage scale and job descriptions, all voting aye.

Corey reported that he is working through treatment guidelines, and there is nothing new to report on the medical director change at this time.

The next meeting will be October 1, 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital in the conference rooms. Motion to adjourn by Beth Schossow, seconded by Gary Wanberg, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

/s/ Larry Folk, Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary