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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board met at a special meeting November 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Ida County Conservation Center.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Larry Folk. Voting members present: Joyce Schnabel, Shelby Ellis, Ken Langel, Debra Ulrich, Devlun Whiteing, Megan Wellendorf, Greg Wanberg. Chief Deputy Fred Anderson was present representing Sheriff Harriman. Beth Schossow was absent. Non-voting member Josh Burns from Kiron Fire/EMS Dept was present. Corey Trucke, Ida County EMS Director was present as well as Charlys Folk, Ida County Auditor.

All in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Motion by Gary Wanberg to approve last meeting minutes. Second by Devlun Whiteing, all voting aye.

Larry Folk opened the meeting for public comment. No members of the public were present, and no comments were made.

A detailed discussion on draft bylaws was made and several revisions were made. Trucke was instructed to make discussed changes and email the group with an updated draft to review before the next meeting. Motion by Devlun Whiteing to table by-laws, second by Joyce Schnabel, all voting aye.

A discussion was held regarding the vice-chair position. This position is not one of the proposed changes in the draft by-laws and it was the consensus of the group that the position be filled. Devlun Whiteing was nominated by Larry Folk to serve as vice chair. No other nominations heard. All voted aye to approve Devlun Whiteing as vice chair.

Planning and implementation activities/priorities were discussed. Funding will be available in October 2024 rather than 2025 as originally understood. The Auditor's office is working on valuations and should be able to provide tax revenue information within the next week, the last revenue amount was approximately \$535,000 per year but that is based on valuations from about one year ago.

The group reviewed and discussed the systems standards gap resolution summary report as a follow-up to the document submitted last year by the Ida County Emergency Services Association. The group reviewed the document and agreed to continue to work on system standards.

Discussion was had regarding a building and possible properties that would make a suitable location to provide services from. Iowa Code Chapter 26 was briefly reviewed and to the need to engage an engineer or architect was discussed. Devlun will contact an engineer and return with additional



information at the next meeting. Trucke has reached out to a property owner about renting a facility short term should the need arise. Larry Folk will also be reaching out to a local property owner about possible rental. Horn Memorial may also be able to host EMS employees on a short-term basis. A property on Highway 175 on the west side of Ida Grove was discussed as being a possible building location.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a response vehicle. Trucke reported that he had spoken with Karl's Chevrolet, who the Sheriff's Office generally purchases vehicles through and who is the state bid holder for Chevrolet vehicles. The Chevrolet Tahoe is backordered for the foreseeable future. Karl's did state that they would have a white Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 door/4WD available but that they were unable to quote that until it is closer to time to purchase because 2025 model government pricing has not been established yet. They did place us on a list to reserve one of these vehicles, and approximate pricing for the vehicle and outfit will be around \$65,000. More discussion was held regarding a secondary/backup vehicle. Fred Anderson reported that the Sheriff's Office does not have any suitable used vehicles available at this time and that, by the time they are ready to be traded in, most of them are beyond useful service life.

The group discussed funding availability and discussed setting 11/1/2024 as a target date to begin service.

The next meeting will be December 15 at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital in the conference rooms. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

/s/Corey Trucke  
Secretary

/s/ Larry Folk  
Chair