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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met in regular session on 4/2/2024 at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Vice Chair Devlun Whiteing with the following members present: Beth Schossow, Gary Wanberg, Megan Wellendorf, Wade Harriman, Deb Ulrich, Ken Langel, Rachel Burns and Corey Trucke.

Motion to approve the agenda by Wade Harriman, seconded by Beth Schossow, all voting aye. Members introduced themselves. Guest Aimee Uhl from Siouxland District Health was also present.

The meeting was open for public comments, no public comments heard.

The group discussed remaining SA3 grant funding for FY 2024. Every county in SA3 is eligible for \$4500 in grant funding to spend on local projects, but may be eligible for more as not every county spends their entire allotment. Ida County has around \$2000 in remaining guaranteed funds. Trucke recommended to the group that we use remaining funds to buy pagers for County EMS employees to use when the service starts. There may be additional funding to pay for the radios or part of the radios that were approved at a previous meeting for about \$10,000, but we will not know how much funding is available until closer to the end of the fiscal year. Motion by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Wade Harriman to use any remaining grant funding to purchase pagers and radios, all voting aye.

Whiteing and Trucke reported to the group on the engineering and architectural inspection that had occurred on 3/29. The report will take about two weeks to receive from the firm, but their initial and unofficial determination is that the building will work but require extensive renovation. When the report is received it will be disseminated to Council members by email.

Trucke reported to the group that based on discussion at the last meeting, he added sentences to the Ida Grove Ambulance building agreement to clarify responsibilities regarding supplies and repairs to the building. A copy was provided to council members. Motion by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Wade Harriman to approve the updated agreement and send to the Board of Supervisors for final approval, all voting aye.

Trucke reported on public health funds that could be used to purchase translator devices that had been discussed in the February meeting. In discussion with Rachel Burns and Aimee Uhl, there are limited opportunities to use this funding in a way that is beneficial to both EMS and Public Health. Aimee reported that the translator devices are extremely helpful and useful. Motion by Ken Langel, seconded by Deb Ulrich to work with public health to purchase translator devices to be used in EMS vehicles, all voting aye.

Motion to adjourn by Beth Schossow, seconded by Gary Wanberg, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2024 at 5:30pm.

/s/ Devlun Whiteing, Vice Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary