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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met in special session at a joint meeting with the Ida County Board of Supervisors on May 23, 2024 at 5:30pm at Ida County Conservation Center.

The joint meeting was called to order at 5:37pm by EMSAC Chair Larry Folk with the following members present: Ken Langel, Gary Wanberg, Beth Schossow, Larry Folk. Present by phone were Megan Wellendorf and Shelby Ellis. Non-voting member Rachel Burns was present. EMS Director/Secretary Corey Trucke was present. Board of Supervisors members present were Creston Schubert and Ray Drey, along with Auditor Charlys Folk. Motion to approve the agenda by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Ken Langel, all voting aye.

Motion to waive the reading of last meeting minutes by Beth Schossow, seconded by Creston Schubert, all voting aye.

The meeting was open to public comments. No public comments were heard.

No new business was addressed.

The group began discussions regarding the status of a building. Chair Larry Folk gave a review of building history. Folk reported that the Board of Supervisors had signed a purchase agreement and Ida Grove Ambulance (IGA) had paid \$5000 in earnest money for the purchase of property in Ida Grove. Folk reported that an inspection on the building was conducted at a cost of \$7200 also paid for by IGA. Discussion was held on the condition of the building and estimated construction costs and architectural/engineering fees.

The group discussed whether to continue to pursue this building and whether it was financially possible. Creston Schubert reported that the County does not have additional funding available to spend on this project, it will have to be paid for solely by the EMS levy. A long discussion ensued regarding costs of building new, building longevity, and financing possibilities for this building. Discussion was held regarding long-term levy receivables. Trucke suggested that IGA could pay their remaining \$112,800 of the building costs towards building closing and the County could possibly use an interdepartmental loan to pay for the remaining \$117,200 to close per the purchase agreement. Auditor Folk stated she thought that would be manageable for the County and could be repaid in September when the first disbursement of EMS funds arrives. Discussions were held on bonding issues, and overall affordability. Trucke reported that a new building would be closer to 1.5 million, versus the estimated cost of purchasing and renovating the building that there is currently a purchase agreement on. Trucke shared with the group that he is concerned that if the group decides to build a new building, the cost will require the reduction in EMS services to pay for the building. Larry Folk stated he is not in favor of any plan that would reduce the ALS coverage to less than 24/7. Trucke reported that at all public meetings and in all presentations, it was noted that the service support allocation, which is budgeted at \$100,000 per year, may have to be withheld for the



first few years of the new essential service levy to support startup costs. Lengthy discussion ensued. Motion by Larry Folk to proceed with the Red Power Building purchase as per the purchase agreement, seconded by Megan Wellendorf. Chair Folk asked for a roll call vote. Larry Folk-Aye, Megan Wellendorf- Aye, Shelby Ellis-Aye, Ken Langel-Abstain, Gary Wanberg-Aye, Beth Schossow-Aye.

Trucke reported that he will come to our next meeting with an update regarding the upcoming resignation of Dr Hesse, who has served as the County Medical Examiner and also the EMS Service Director for the County for the last several years. Trucke reported that he is working through replacement at this time. The group expressed their gratitude for the service that Dr Hesse has provided over the last several years.

After discussion, the group agreed to move the next meeting to June 11 at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Langel, seconded by Gary Wanberg, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

/s/ Larry Folk, Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary