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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on June 11, 2024, at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital. The regular June meeting had been moved from June 4 to June 11 due to multiple scheduling conflicts.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Folk at 5:33pm with the following members present: Larry Folk, Gary Wanberg, Deb Ulrich, Beth Schossow, Megan Wellendorf, Ken Langel, Josh Burns, and Corey Trucke. Shelby Ellis was present by telephone.

Motion to approve the agenda by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Beth Schossow, all voting aye.

Last meeting minutes were read. Motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2024, by Deb Ulrich, seconded by Ken Langel, all voting aye.

The meeting was opened to public comments. None heard.

EMS Director Corey Trucke reported that the County EMS Medical Director, Dr Curtis Hesse has submitted his resignation as both the county Medical Examiner and the County EMS Medical Director. Corey reported that Dr Hesse will conclude his duties as Medical Examiner at the end of this month but has agreed to stay on as EMS Director through the end of the summer or possibly end of the year as needed. Corey reported that he is working with the State Medical Examiner's Office on a replacement for the Medical Examiner portion as that is more of an urgent need at this time. Corey suggested that we table Resolution 24-01 since Dr Hesse will be continuing his services for a while longer. The consensus of the group was to table Resolution 24-01.

Joyce Schnabel joined the meeting at 5:43 pm and reported that Dr Fedderson had agreed to provide Medical Director services to the County, Ida Grove, Arthur and Battle Creek, and Joyce will be arranging a meeting with those service directors in the near future.

Larry Folk reported that he had been given some incorrect information regarding building expenses since our last meeting, which precipitated some phone calls and discussions with individual board members.

The Council reviewed estimated building costs and closing timeline for the building at 111 E State Highway 175, where there is a current purchase agreement. Corey Trucke reported that the total cost of the building is \$235,000. Ida Grove Ambulance has already paid \$5000 in earnest money plus the cost of the facility assessment done by SVPA Architects. Corey reported that Ida Grove Ambulance's remaining contribution to the building is \$117,200. In order to close by July 1 as per the purchase agreement, Ida Grove Ambulance will disperse their remaining \$117,200 balance. Ida County will use general basic funds in the amount of \$112,800 to complete the purchase, which will have to be paid back from EMS funds to general basic in September when the first allocation of EMS funding becomes available. Corey reported that the Council will likely have to withhold year one



service support allocation funds to support this purchase. No action was taken but the consensus of the group was to proceed.

Discussion was had regarding possible future renovation plans for this building, along with a timeline of those renovations. No action was taken.

Discussion was held regarding temporary accommodations for staff when the program moves to 24/7 coverage on or about November 1. No action was taken.

Further discussion was held regarding staffing shortages this summer. No action was taken, as the Council does not have funding available until September/October.

Motion to adjourn at 6:43pm by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Beth Schossow, all voting aye. The next regular meeting is July 2, 2024 at 5:30pm, location TBD.

/s/ Larry Folk, Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary