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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on July 2, 2024 at 5:30pm at the Ida County EMS Building at 111 E State Highway 175, Ida Grove. The meeting was called to order at 1730 hours by Chair Larry Folk with the following members present: Megan Wellendorf, Shelby Ellis, Gary Wanberg, Beth Schossow, Ken Langel, Debra Ulrich, Devlun Whiteing, Dana Goodman (for Joyce Schnabel), Rachel Burns. ICEMS Director Corey Trucke and Ida County Auditor Charlys Folk were also in attendance.

Trucke asked to amend the agenda to add consideration of a quote from LifeMed Safety for a defibrillator purchase. Motion by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Gary Wanberg to add New Business #3 – LifeMed Safety Quote in the amount of \$31,030.95 for a Zoll X Series defibrillator, all voting aye.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes by Ken Langel, seconded by Deb Ulrich, all voting aye.

The meeting was opened to public comments. No public comments heard.

The Council discussed EMS coverage at the Ida County Fair and the need for an ambulance service at several events. After discussion, events will be covered by ambulance services as follows: Friday, 6pm – Tractor Pull. Saturday – 8pm, Rodeo. Sunday, 5pm – Mud Drags. The Council directed Corey Trucke to contact the Fair Board and confirm that these plans work for them, and will follow up with service directors as needed.

The Council discussed future EMS structuring in Ida County. Corey Trucke reported that Ida Grove, Battle Creek, Arthur and Ida County EMS all are going to be moving to a new medical director. Corey suggested to the group that given the changes going on in EMS, it might be a good time to move all EMS agencies in the county as satellites of the County for state licensing, compliance, etc. Corey stated that this would generate more work for the county but could offload several tasks that Service Directors currently are tasked with to County employees when they start late this fall. This would also allow County EMS employees to use time between calls to do vehicle inspections, supply outdates, CQI, protocol review, drug checks, and any other compliance/maintenance tasks requested by the individual services. Corey reported that this very specifically does not mean that volunteer EMS agencies would be subordinate to the County, as all of these agencies would remain independent financially and operationally but that this would really just reduce the workload on volunteers. If this were to happen, there would be an agreement between the County and each individual agency outlining exactly what their expectations of the County are and which tasks they would like the County to complete. Corey reiterated that there is no pressure on agencies to do this if they do not want to and, again that they are independent agencies even if they satellite off the County. Corey suggested to EMSAC members that they discuss this with their services and return at the August meeting to discuss further.



1. The Council considered quote 24-233 from LifeMed Safety for a Zoll X Series Defibrillator. Corey reported that this was a budgeted expense and that he had already signed and returned the quote along with a \$3000 deposit using remaining FY24 funding after confirming that the deposit is refundable if the EMSAC or BOS do not approve the purchase. Corey asked the Council to set a standard on which quotes they would like to see before the group. Corey made a suggestion that any quote over \$10,000 come before the EMSAC.
2. Motion by Megan Wellendorf that any purchase that 1. Is greater than \$10,000 – OR – 2. Is unbudgeted – OR – 3. Is over budget must come before the Council. Motion seconded by Gary Wanberg, all voting aye.
3. Motion by Megan Wellendorf, seconded by Beth Schossow to approve quote 24-233 from Lifemed Safety in the amount of \$31,030.95, all voting aye.
4. Larry Folk and Corey Trucke gave a recap of events that had occurred related to the building renovation project. SVPA Architects sent the County a letter stating that they would not accept this project if the County did not bond for at least 1.2 million. Corey is working with two different engineering groups and awaiting their proposals, but both seemed much more optimistic about the renovation costs than SVPA. One firm estimated their fees for drawing up bid specifications at a fraction of the cost SVPA had proposed. Corey will continue to communicate with these firms and will relay the proposals when he receives them. Corey reported that it seems that response times to communities outside of Ida Grove are about 3 minutes faster at the new location, and that he is considering moving his office there as soon as possible.
5. Medical Director/Medical Examiner resignation update was tabled pending more information. Corey reported that IOSME (Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner) had assisted him in locating another medical examiner for Ida County but that details are still being worked out, but he expects us to have a ME appointed on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 by the Board of Supervisors.
6. Motion to adjourn by Ken Langel, seconded by Dana Goodman, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 1804 hours. The next meeting is scheduled August 6 at 5:30pm at the Ida County EMS Building, or by call of the Chair.
7. /s/ Larry Folk, Chair /s/ Corey Trucke,
Secretary