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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital Conference Room 3 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Larry Folk with the following members present: Dana Goodman, Larry Folk, Gary Wanburg, Deb Ulrich, Claire Sohm, Shelby Ellis. Fred Anderson was present representing Sheriff Harriman. EMS Director Corey Trucke was also present. Rachel Burns was present for the beginning of the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Deb Ulrich, all voting aye.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and corrected to add Ken Langel as in attendance. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Claire Sohm, all voting aye.

The meeting was opened to public comments. Shelby Ellis reported to the group that when Holstein Ambulance receives their new ambulance they are considering selling their older 1996 Ford Ambulance to Ida County EMS for a nominal cost so that the County has a backup ambulance available for services to share in the event of accidents, vehicle mechanical issues, and MCIs.

The Council reviewed a FY 2025 budget update/overhaul compiled by the EMS Director. Significant changes to the budget were made to accommodate building payment, construction, and to reflect the GO Bond revenues that had been received. Other notable changes is that the service support/allocation to agency line items were moved to zero for FY 2025. Corey reported to the Council that this will allow a carryover to accommodate any change orders or unforeseen expenses that may arise. Corey recommended to the Council that we target to keep approximately 20% of the overall yearly budget unallocated from year to year for unanticipated emergency expenses. Motion to approve the FY 2025 budget revision as presented by Deb Ulrich, seconded by Shelby Ellis, all voting aye.

The Council reviewed the FY 2026 budget compiled by the EMS Director. It was noted that until construction is complete, it is difficult to project some of the expenses and that the Council may have to revisit the FY 2026 budget after construction is complete. Motion by Gary Wanberg, to approve the FY 2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Dana Goodman, all voting aye.

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The Council discussed change orders and how to handle them moving forward. The Council discussed a change order that had been emailed out to the Council. Corey Trucke reported that during building demolition, it was noted that there was no insulation above the office areas and that this change order was to remedy that issue.

Discussion continued. The consensus of the Council was to send all change orders electronically to the group and a special meeting can be called to discuss them individually if necessary.

The Council discussed the interfacility transfer policy with revisions made. After discussion, the Council tabled this for a future meeting when more information on previous ALS Transfer crew rates becomes available.

Larry Folk gave an update on grants/funding opportunities. Ag State donated \$1000, and Farm Credit Services of America is donating \$15000. Larry continues to apply for grants and donations as they are available.

Corey reported that as of now, there are 9 students in the County sponsored EMT class.

Corey reported that at as of now, there are 39 students registered for the Ida County EMS Day on March 1. Corey reported that this is on par with previous years attendance. Corey reported that all the instructors have been obtained.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Wanberg, seconded by Deb Ulrich, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 1818 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 at 5:30pm at Horn Memorial Hospital conference room 3.

/s/ Larry Folk, Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary