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The Ida County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) met on December 30, 2025, at 5:30pm at the Ida County EMS Building, 111 E State Highway 175, Ida Grove. This was a joint meeting with the Ida County Board of Supervisors.

The joint meeting was called to order at 1731 hours by EMSAC Chair Larry Folk with the following members present: Beth Schossow, Shelby Ellis, Devlun Whiteing, Wendy Lorenzen, Carmen Schuett, Gary Wanburg, Rachel Burns. Board of Supervisors members Devlun Whiting, Creston Schubert and Kyle Rohlk were present. Also present was prospective member Jenni Sohm, EMS Director Corey Trucke, Ida County Auditor Kristy Gilbert and Lead Paramedic Jen Ryen.

All present introduced themselves.

Last meeting minutes were individually read. Motion to approve last meeting minutes by Gary Wanburg, seconded by Carmen Schuett, all voting aye.

The meeting was open to public comments.

Corey reported that he is working on the FY27 budget and will have it ready for presentation at the next meeting.

Devlun Whiting thanked all members for their contributions and stated that this is a building that the community can all be proud of. Devlun thanked Larry Folk for his donations and effort put in.

Rachel Burns notified the council that Kiron Ambulance is now a conditional AEMT service.

Larry Folk stated that Corey Trucke had had a brief opportunity to talk to Governor Reynolds and Representative Carter Nordman regarding the TIF issue that is affecting EMS. Corey stated that Rep Nordman is the incoming Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and that he was aware of this TIF issue and it is a top priority to address it in the coming legislative session.

Jenni Sohm is now the Battle Creek Ambulance Service Director. Motion to recommend approval and addition of Jenni Sohm to the EMSAC as the Battle Creek representative by Devlun Whiting, seconded by Gary Wanburg, all voting aye. Kristy Gilbert stated she will add approval of Jenni Sohm to the Board of Supervisors agenda at their next meeting.

The council reviewed the Ida County EMS System Annual Assessment. Corey reported that he had updated the document to reflect that Ida County now has 24/7 ALS coverage, and that Rachel Burns has volunteered as the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for Ida County, and that she already serves in that role elsewhere, which was also added to the document.



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Motion by Devlun Whiteing to open nominations for the 2026 EMSAC Chair, seconded by Beth Schossow, all voting aye. Motion to nominate Larry Folk by Devlun Whiteing, seconded by Beth Schossow. No other nominations being heard, motion to close nominations by Devlun Whiting, seconded by Beth Schossow, all voting aye. All present voted for Larry Folk.

Motion by Devlun Whiteing, seconded by Wendy Lorenzen to open nominations for Vice Chair for 2026. Motion by Carmen Schuett, seconded by Wendy Lorenzen to nominate Devlun Whiteing for Vice Chair. No other nominations being heard, motion to close nominations by Beth Schossow, seconded by Gary Wannburg, all voting aye. All present voted for Devlun Whiting.

Motion by Larry Folk, seconded by Devlun Whiteing to open nominations for Secretary for 2026. Motion by Shelby Ellis, seconded by Beth Schossow to nominate Corey Trucke as Secretary for 2026. No other nominations being heard, motion to close nominations by Gary Wanburg, seconded by Larry Folk. All present voted for Corey Trucke.

Corey Trucke gave an update on the EMT class beginning in January 2026. Corey reported that over 20 people have asked to take the class and the class limit is 12 individuals. Corey explained that given the competition for seats this year, he had organized them into three tiers, with priority for seats in the course going to residents who live in Ida County and are sponsored by an Ida County EMS agency. Lengthy discussion was held on the course, costs, and organization. Corey encouraged members desiring to handle the yearly class differently to present ideas on how to do so for future classes.

Ross Ladwig arrived and gave an update on building progress. Remaining items that were part of the original project include replacement of the exterior doors, which have a manufacturer defect, along with plumbing in two bathrooms, and an air handler in the bay. Several other items remain that were not part of the original project including moving the carport, wiring for the storage building, remaining cameras, etc. Ross reported that some items (specifically bathroom finishings) are taking longer to deliver than anticipated but will be completed as soon as possible.

Motion to adjourn by Beth Schossow, seconded by Wendy Lorenzen, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 18:23 hours.

s/ Larry Folk, Chair

/s/ Corey Trucke, Secretary