

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

FLOYD COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: August 24th, 2023

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by: Jim Jorgenson

IN ATTENDANCE

Voting Members: Patrick Lumley, Dawnett Willis, Jeff Sterling, Dawn Staudt
Voting Members: Jim Jorgenson

Non-

Public: Mayor Andrews, Charles City Press

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Pat Lumley
Second by Dawn Staudt

SELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIR, CO-CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Pat Lumley was nominated to be the council chair by Dawnett, no other nominations were made. Motion made by Dawnett to make Pat Lumley the council chair, second by Jeff Sterling, all approved, motion carried.

Dawnett Willis was nominated to be the council co-chair by Pat Lumley. No further nominations made. Motion made by Jeff Sterling to make Dawnett Willis the council co-chair, seconded by Pat Lumley, all approved, motion carried.

Pat Lumley moved to make Dawn Staudt the council secretary, seconded by Jeff Sterling, all approved, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Review Sunshine Law

- Pat reviewed the sunshine law and ensured each member had the opportunity to review the law. All members voted that the EMS Advisory Council would adopt the sunshine law meeting guidelines.

Public Comment-No comments

Role/Scope/Deliverables of EMS Advisory Council

*Discussion about the previous council's "teamwork" approach and the need to maintain that same approach with this council was unanimously agreed upon by the members.

*Discussion about tax levy timeline and the council unanimously agreed that a recommendation should be made to the Floyd County Board of Supervisors to wait until November 2024 to add the Tax Levy request to the ballot and not be on the November 2023 ballot with the Charles City High School bond referendum. Recommendation was made to allow for more time to develop a strategic plan for a countywide informational initiative.

*Discussion regarding gathering information from the counties that successfully passed a 2022 EMS Tax Levy. Dawn will get the county information to Pat so he can proceed with contacting a representative from each county to begin data collection.

*Discussion regarding strategic communication to the public. Consensus of a unified message that is more of a direct black and white message to the public to include costs, lack of reimbursement, staffing shortages, etc. The current cost (\$415,000 per year with a 5% increase for inflation) to the City and County is not sustainable in the long term.

*Discussion regarding a joint meeting with the Floyd County Ambulance commission to ensure we are in synch and the council is aware of projected timeline for an in-house ambulance service, cost of standing the service up which will feed into the council strategic communication to the public regarding the EMS Tax Levy.

*Discussion regarding utilizing the Floyd County Board of Supervisor board room for future council meetings to include a public dial in number and possible zoom of meetings to promote transparency of the council to the public.

Public Comment-One comment, from the public regarding the availability of special election as a viable option (costs associated) to allow the public to vote on the EMS Tax Levy on its own merit and not to focus on local option income surtax as a funding mechanism.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting anticipated to be in October, date, time, and location TBD.

Motion to adjourn made by Dawnett, second by Jeff, meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.