

MISCELLANEOUS AND COUNTY HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Miscellaneous and County Health Committee met in the County Board Room on August 10, 2021 at 6:30pm. Members present were Janet Fleming, Chairwoman, Pat Cramer, Andrew Asbury, Dennis Castlebury, Stephen Finney Annie Phillips and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board. Absent was Tom Rodgers.

Guest were Patsy Davis and also Steve Siegrist, the Warsaw Fire Chief.

Steve Siegrist, stated he had some concerns regarding the ambulance in Hamilton, being in Carthage so much when needed in Hamilton. Steve did give two different examples of time they were needed badly in Hamilton and how long it took them to get there. One of the Paramedic at the meeting reporting for Jenny Meeks, stated that sometime they have to go to Augusta, or Plymouth and that is why a lot of places have First Responders because they can get there faster, and when Carthage leaves they need to come to Carthage to be centrally located. Jan explained that Jenny does have a proposal for another ambulance but this may not be feasible. Janet stated she would have Jenny call Steve and visit with him and then report back to us. They also are going to check to see how many times this has happened and have to realize that all the other parts of the county deserve the coverage also.

Konnor Bland, Lieutenant and Dirk Twiddell, Paramedics came to the meeting in place of Jenny as she had another commitment. Also, they stated that Brian Friedrich, Captain would be meeting with Dallas Rural Fire tonight to discuss covering their District and will be reporting back to Jenny. Konnor reviewed the Cash Position of the ambulance and we have no debt remaining. He also stated when the CD was to be renewed and the last tax distribution they have gotten and the balance in the accounts.

Konnor stated the Contractual Write-offs for July total \$20,924.67. A motion was made by Pat Cramer to allow the Write-offs for \$20,924.67 be approved. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Konnor stated the amount to go to the collections agency to try and collect is in the sum of \$2,911.44. A motion was made by Pat Cramer to approve the \$2,911.44 to go to collections. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pending they have the funds requested from ARPA and also from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to be able to have the parking lot paved. They are still finalizing the USDA Grant and as soon as it is done then they can get the title for the new ambulance.

Konnor did review the state of the ambulances and the 3A30, 3A31, 3A14, are all old and have had to have a large amount of work done on them. They did donate a Stop the Bleed and CPR Training to the Brown Fundraiser, it was purchased by the Carthage Park District and will use it in Spring 2022 for lifeguard training. They also staffed the Hancock County Fair several nights and the new ambulance was unveiled at the Demo Derby. They also attended the Farmers Market Kids Carnival on the square in Carthage and each kid was able to make or take a first aide kit, color book, run the siren and climb in the back of the new ambulance.

Jack Curfman Director of ESDA entered the meeting and reported on the HCED ZOOM meeting he attended. He also submitted a claim for EMPG 2021 1st quarter. He has one ESDA trailer and one County Highway Department dump truck that they have advertised for bids in the newspaper that they are selling. Amateur radio club is offering a Technician License Course in August to October. Jack did purchase a new DELL laptop computer and equipment and one-year subscription for ZOOM meetings. Jack reported on the Floodplain and has one hour on a building permit inspection in Niota and 43 miles.

Janet stated that Mike Wright does have a claim in and someone is working on getting the pound work done before the end of this budget year.

Janet stated that Amy Hall, with the County Health department didn't have any thing to report and stated that there are some COVID cases in the County. Annie ask why she doesn't come to the meeting and Janet stated she has her own board, but will see if she can send a report to our meeting.

Forty-five claims were reviewed for payment by the members. After reviewing a motion was made by Pat Cramer to present these claims to the full board for payment. Andrew Asbury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Annie Phillips to recess until September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. Dennis Castlebury seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fleming, Chairwoman