

Floyd County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

8/11/22 at Charles City Council Chambers, Charles City IA

Attendees: Brandy Molitor, Patrick Lumley, Dawnette Willis, Roy Schwickerath, Jeff Stirling, Dawn Staudt, Dave Luett, Eric Whipple, Marty Parcher, Bob Steenson,

Review of Agenda Items:

Called to order at 1930 by Chairman Lumley.

Approval of Agenda, Staudt/Willis. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from 8/10/22 without official minutes due to short time between meetings. Moved to approve Chambers/Luett. Motion Carried.

Objective 1: Timeframe - Renewal Periodicity (Preliminary)

Discussion on each of the years of length- 5, 10, 15

unofficial consensus was that 10 years is ideal as at 5 years – too short to determine if process is working, continuous loop and cycle. 15 years there are too many unknowns, expenses or revenues outlook. 10 years, or possibly 8 years, would be more reachable to come up with costs, buffer built in, EMS Commission also based off 10-year plan. Official vote to be at 8/18/22 Action meeting.

Concerns: another pandemic, staffing – educating and retaining,

Annual review to look into where we are and if adjustments need to be made.

Objective 2: Recommended Estimate Cost (Preliminary)

based on manpower, education/training, equipment, capital expenses, consumer price index (CPI) Buffer, and other breakdown.

this is to be presented at BOS Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9am. For preliminary presentation and feedback of information needed

Ambulance Commission number presented was \$424,000,

Breakdown sent on Spreadsheet, total costs to county entities include:

Floyd County EMS Association \$20,000

Greene Ambulance \$50,000

Nora Springs \$40,000

Marble Rock \$22,000

For total of \$556,000 for county levy total

Current assessed valued of property in Floyd County examples (0.57) total value/\$1000 = \$972,200
\$100,000 = \$200,000 home = .57

Roy reminded this is an amount that is recommended to BOS to decide on what the official number will be to put out to voters on ballot. These numbers are not set in stone on what each entity will be given, depends on many factors, including decision of EMSAC on expenditures.

Increase for 10-year plan including inflation, costs, staffing. 5% increase.

Discussion on levy options per 422D. Property tax and income surtax.

Income tax amount currently up to 1%. With major changes in this in future of the reduction of these taxes discussed.

Discussion on ARPA funds for entities. Each city and County has ARPA funds to use. The cities have been reviewed for use potential; Floyd County has not “opened” applications for outside county resources (EMS) to apply for ARPA funding use.

Objective 3: Strategic Communications (Preliminary Way-Forward)

Education to the public. Current paid for out of general fund, levy is taking that amount into own levy, like Fire and Law Enforcement, for budgeting concerns.

Discussion on what would be asked of, and what can be done for the voter with approval of levy.

Continuation of current services with advancements to assist with future sustainability of EMS.

The EMSAC will go out and help educate the public with BOS, Ambulance Commission, etc.

Action Items:

Decisions on voting on objections above at 8/18/22 meeting.

Goal Dates:

8/22/22 – final approved recommendation amount

8/31/22 – finalized amount of levy request to put on ballot

Next Meetings:

8/18/22 at Council Chambers at 6pm

Motion to Adjourn. Chambers/Willis. Motion Carried.