

Floyd County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council

8.18.22 EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

6:00pm at City Council Chambers, Charles City IA

Called to order at 1800 by Chairman Lumley.

Attendees: Lumley, Willis, Molitor, Schwickerath, Luett, Chambers, Whipple, Parcher, Steenson, Mayor Andrews, Keith Starr, John Ott

Remote: Staudt

Absent: Stirling

Approval of Agenda, Willis/Molitor. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes of 8/11/22 meeting, Willis/Chambers. Motion Carried.

Discuss outcome of initial recommendation presentation to the Floyd County Board of Supervisors on 15 August 2022. Overall presentation went well, feedback requested on recommendation of overall dollar amount to BOS, who will reach out for correct levy amount to be set on ballot as decided by BOS.

Final presentation will be 22 Aug 2022 at 0900 BOS meeting of amount of recommendation from out council on costs of Floyd County EMS Entities.

Amount of \$556,000, 10 years length, with a .572/1000 tax per chart.

motion to forgo voting on recommendation of property tax/income surplus tax due to not having enough information on future changes of tax. Motion carried. All Ayes.

Discuss collaboration with Mason City Fire Department by Dave Luett. Mason City Fire currently covers west half of Nora Springs territory when they are not in service, questions on if additional funding needs were needed for them. Dave talked with city officials as well who denied requesting for funds but wanted to make sure that Floyd County had 24/7 EMS Coverage if service was deemed essential. Clarified per Roy and Dawn that AMR Contract with City and County states AMR is primary EMS contracted provider for all 911 and Transfers within Floyd County, and this would cover all of NS territory and Staudt states they are willing to help when needed in the small portion of Cerro Gordo County that is within their territory as well. EMS agencies also have Mutual Aid agreements in place in case of no availability and this would fall into this category as well if needed. Nora Springs was clarified to be covered almost equally half by MC Fire EMS and AMR, with majority in Floyd County.

Lumley states most counties in Iowa have overlapping EMS territories into other counties, this is something that levels out and works out as a hole.

Roy reiterated the fact that forward momentum was needed to meet deadlines of being able to put EMS Essential Levy on ballot for November. In our best interests, we can only base our recommendations off what is in position today, too many unknowns and changes in the future,

therefore these recommendations are revisited annually to have proper levy set based on new or changed circumstances.

Discussed how our target number is based on 10-year plan and this is to include increases, it also can be decreased annually if set funding is not needed. This also accounts for large purchases which are broken down annually to be purchased in the future.

Dawn noted AMR's plan to outreach into schools in county to educate high schoolers on EMS related careers and opportunities.

Molitor noted upcoming Charles City Schools agreement with NIACC for a Charles City High School Career Academy which is focused on four academies: health care, construction, advanced manufacturing, and information technology. This is planned to start August of 2023. And the outreach provided in the past while training High School Seniors CPR for last few years, as it is a graduation requirement in Iowa.

Update from Nashua community member, John Ott, present in public audience. Currently Nashua is still undecided on direction of coverage for town. Trying to set up like Nora Springs service which has nights and weekend coverage from local EMS providers. They have discussed potential financial input with Floyd County if becomes possibility. They look to see future of one full-time staff to be director and additional providers of volunteers and fire dept to assist with calls.

Final review of estimated costs by each entity- mean of 10 years per entity and reviewed exact coverages for the amounts presented. Refer to Excel doc sent out with all information.

Discussion to Approval of Objective 1 Recommended EMS Tax Levy Periodicity

10 years. Motion Willis/Chambers. Motion Carried, all ayes.

Discussion to Approval of Objective 2 Recommended EMS Tax Levy Amount

\$556,000.00 (.572/1000 tax). Motion by Molitor/Luett. Motion carried, All Ayes. Recommendation of number to BOS, for their setting of levy amount per our recommended number to cover costs of entities.

Discussion to Approval of Objective 3 Recommended Strategic Communications Strategy

1. Communication path
2. Content
3. Timing

Lumley will send out prior to next meeting.

Discussion to Approval of Objective 4 Recommended EMS Tax Levy via Local Option Income Surtax, Local Property Tax, or combination of both

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Public Education Notes:

Priority of public education on EMS Essential vote on November ballot

Getting the facts and numbers out

Educate on current services and continuation of services with possibility of more training education funds, representation of providers needs to increase number of providers to our citizens.

“Spread the word” of “snapshot in time” of taxpayers cost, annual low cost of EMS Services Meeting with local groups- civic, emergency agencies, government.

No funding for PR related items, discussed how LOST was funded, donations of participants.

Future Items:

Prep for 9.1.22 meeting with list of community events for informational presentations to community/civic groups in towns in Floyd County

Action Items:

-every member of EMSAC needs to get together a list of civic, government, and Emergency related groups – with appropriate contact information, meeting times, presentation possibility, etc to bring to 9.1.22 meeting.

-potential list of assistance with resources for voting ballot of EMS Essential

-presentation ideas and feedback for public outreach

Next Meetings:

9/1/22 5pm City Council Chambers

Additional Dates:

8.22.22 0900 BOS Meeting, final presentation by EMSAC Group

8.29.22 last day for BOS to decide on EMS Essential for November ballot and amount

Motion to Adjourn @ 2002. Chambers/Molitor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Brandy Molitor, EMSAC Secretary.