

The Board of Directors of the Marion County Ambulance District met on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Office. Board members attending were Chairman Dorothea Lake, Vice Chairman Branson Wells, Marie Frankenbach, Brian Fowler, and Cheryl Arntzen. Also attending were EMS Chief John Nemes, Chief Medical Officer John Clemens, Deputy Chief Marshall Miller, Division Chief Eric Murfin, Finance Director Claudette Moss, Assistant Finance Director Kari Garrett, and AED Program Director Patty Cheffey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chairman Dorothea Lake.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made by Marie Frankenbach to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Brian Fowler. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

The treasurer's report, accounts receivable reconciliation, profit and loss, and financial reports for March and April 2024 were reviewed.

Chief Nemes presented the Board with the Chief's report. MCAD answered 592 calls for emergency service in April. Base 1 (Hannibal) – 2711 handled 158 calls, 2721 handled 143 calls, Base 2 (Hannibal) handled 186 calls, Base 3 (Palmyra) handled 72 calls, and we had 33 off-duty transfers.

QuadMed finally sent an IV pump to replace the one that Baxter said had different serial numbers, so we are back to having a full inventory. The District will still be coordinating with HRH in the future to ensure we use the same or compatible pumps once they purchase new ones.

The dash cams are now installed on each of the ambulances and are working as they should. Verizon was not very efficient on their end, and we had to continue to contact them until the bugs were ironed out.

The Assistant Chiefs and Captains interviewed 6 PRN EMT's for full-time openings. After the interviews and clinical testing was completed, their recommendation was to hire all 6 since we had 6 openings. I agreed with their recommendation and all 6 employees were offered a full-time position.

I met with Jay Wunderlich (Governmental Relations Director for MoDOT) at Representative Rigg's office in the Capital to discuss the Missouri Tourism Center. Apparently, the property is in limbo due to a conflict with OA and MoDOT ownership (one owns the land, the other the building). While it does not have a covered garage currently, the facility can be renovated for functional crew quarters and the location is ideal for base expansion. Our discussion went very well, and we will continue working together with the support of Representative Riggs. I had additional discussions with Chuck Mayer at the Office of Administration, and he informed me that the OA is in the process of getting the property fully transferred over to them. It must go through the legislature for approval and is in the process of doing so in the current session, so it's moving faster than anticipated. Once the legislative process is complete, the Governor signs off on it, and OA has full ownership of the property, we can move forward with whatever options are available.

We received a notice of award from the state on the 2024 ARPA Matching Funds Grant I submitted in January. The grant request was for new Zoll AutoPulse NXT units to outfit each ambulance. The NXT is a redesigned version of the original AutoPulse that is lighter, smaller, and has a far greater battery life. It will also download data directly into our Zoll case reviews so we can track the effectiveness of CPR efforts. The quote for 10 units with accessories was \$199,922 with trade in of

our old units. With the grant award, the District will be responsible for \$99,961 of that purchase. We were also awarded a grant for the same items in Ralls County.

The 2024 Chevy Traverse that was budgeted for this year will arrive in a few weeks and will be assigned to Chief Medical Officer Clemens. We initially planned to replace the AC Tahoe, but decided to try one of these vehicles for future replacement of the Tahoe's since they are considerably less expensive, plus the availability of the Tahoe is almost a year out. The budgeted amount was \$60,000 and the price of the Traverse is \$38,134. The price to add emergency equipment is \$9,096, bringing the vehicle total to \$47,230 as opposed to over \$70,000 for a complete Tahoe package.

Under New Business, Chief Nemes discussed the need to bring daily training back to the forefront after Covid. He presented to the Board a new position of Advanced Field Training Officer, which would be an hourly position, Monday-Friday, and will be a part of the training division. This position would develop and present training material and coordinate training needs for the District, create curriculum, education syllabus and lesson plans for continuous quality improvement, provide ongoing training throughout the year to improve the refresher process, and coordinate annual competencies. After some discussion, the Board unanimously recommended the addition of this position and would like for the position to be posted right away for applicants.

EMS Week is next week, and meals will be provided to each crew.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Marion County Ambulance District Administration Building.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Marie Frankenbach to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Arntzen and was approved on a roll call vote.