

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greene County Emergency
Medical Service Board
January 8, 2019**

The regular meeting the Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board was held in the Commissioners Room of the Greene County Courthouse on January 8, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. Present were Joe Huntington, Ed Michael, Brad Norton, David Doane, and Mike Hasler. George Ockerman was unable to attend. Also present were Marvin Abshire, Greene County attorney, and Marilyn Hartman, county consultant.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ed Michael. The first order of business was the election of officers. A motion was made by Joe Huntington and seconded by Mike Hasler to retain the present officers, namely Ed Michael as president and Brad Norton as vice president but with Marvin Abshire to serve as secretary. The motion was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting were presented for review and approval. After review, a motion was made by Brad Norton and seconded by Joe Huntington to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the ambulance revenues for the 2018 year through December 31, 2018, which totaled \$ 1,582,327.49. This is an average of \$ 131,860.53. A copy of revenue summary report year to date and yearly chart are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes. Doane indicated that the Service has a dialysis patient in Owen County and one in Greene County. In 2016, the Service had about 1,000 more transports than in 2018. There was considerable discussion regarding the decline of transports and its impact on revenues. Due to the improvements in car safety equipment, there has been a decline in the number of personal injury accidents which has in turn reduced the number of runs paid by private insurance.

Doane presented a Run Status Report through December 31, 2018. Total runs were 4,564 of which 3,827 were transports and 737 were non-transports. The Bloomfield station has the best record for non-transports. There were 144 runs in the E-7 zone for 2018, which covers Owensburg, Scotland, and Newberry. A copy of the run report is incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Doane also provided a mileage and engine hour report for E-1 through E-7 vehicles and engine hours. The vehicle mileage totals (excluding the back-up vehicle) ranged from the E-4 2012 vehicle with 213,835 to the 2018 newly purchased vehicle of 34,264. Doane indicated that he would be looking to purchase a new vehicle this year to replace the E-4 vehicle. Copies of the mileage and engine hour reports, as well as the ESO report for Scotland are incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

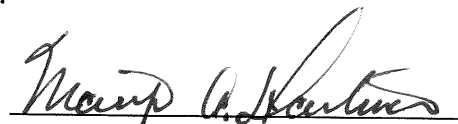
Doane reported that the E-2 new 2018 ambulance has had significant problems. Tires started wearing on the outside at 20,000; and brakes were grinding. They put in new brakes and rotors in 6 months. Essentially, there is a dispute regarding the actual design weight of the ambulance. REV, the manufacturer, has denied that the ambulance fails to meet the weight requirements. REV has offered to pay for the costs to remount the vehicle with a F-360 4 x 4 chassis, but would expect the County to purchase the chassis which would cost the County about \$43,000,000. Ed Michael and Joe Huntington both asked whether there were any other EMS services that have this particular vehicle. The company was not willing to give out information on who has also purchased similar vehicles. There was discussion about possible options. Ed Michael reported that the Greene County Highway Superintendent, Roger Hamilton, indicated that the highway department could probably use the old chassis. Any response to REV's proposal should also address the lack of specifications. A motion was made by Brad Norton and seconded by Joe Huntington directing the county attorney to reject REV's settlement offer and make a formal demand for remediation. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was a discussion of employee issues. There are shortages of medics because the salaries and benefits in Greene County are not competitive with other services. Several paramedics are also in school for a nursing degree. One of the paramedics is retiring. In summary then, the Service has a severe problem in maintaining its EMS workforce.

The next item of business was the establishment of meeting dates for 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Joe Huntington and seconded by Brad Norton to meet quarterly on the third Tuesday of January, April, June, and September at 10:30 a.m. or after the Commissioners' meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED this 29th day of January, 2019.


Marilyn A. Hartman, Secretary