Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Services Board June 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Services Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on June 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Ed Michael, Joe Huntington, Brad Norton, Mike Hasler, David Doane, new member Troy Gaither, and the Board's Attorney Marvin Abshire. Also present were Linton Fire Department representative, Brad Sparks, and City of Linton representative, Brent Murray.

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Michael. There was submitted for review and approval the Minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting. 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 passed unanimously.

There was also submitted for review and approval the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Joe Huntington and seconded by Mike Hasler to waive the reading and approve the Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the ambulance revenues for the 2019 year through May, 2019, totaling \$759,580.42. This is an average of \$151,916.08 per month. A motion was made by Joe Huntington and seconded by Brad Norton to approve the revenue summary report and yearly chart and they are incorporated and made a part of these Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of business was review of the Run Status and Mileage Report. Ed Michael requested that future reports include a column tracking the repair and maintenance costs to the trucks. David Doane agreed to add the costs to the report and explained to the Board his cost-saving approach balancing repairs and maintenance on trucks, purchasing DEF (Diesel Emission Fluid), and other needed supplies for the department. David Doane wondered if money could be transferred for repairs to the old E-4 (Jasonville) ambulance. E-2 (Bloomfield) ambulance has 226,425 miles and is next on the list to be replaced. Troy Gaither requested that David Doane also add a column tracking the runs to include Greene County Hospital transfers. A copy of the Run Status-2019 report is incorporated by reference and made a part of these Minutes.

Brent Murray suggested to the Board that there may be a lease program for Ambulances. He thought it might help with their budget. Brent Murray reported that most of the truck leases with the City of Linton have a three-year limited warranty. The Board thought it might be a good idea to look in to leasing options.

The next item of business was a report from David Doane that the E-7 (Scotland) Ambulance runs are down and is costly to maintain, but it is needed.

Linton Fire Department representative, Brad Sparks, approached the board with his proposed changes to the Inter-Local Agreement for EMS Services Between Greene County, Indiana and the City of Linton, Indiana. Brent Murry noted that he was present in place of Mayor John Wilkes, who could not attend. Greene County currently pays the City of Linton \$96,000.00 per year for EMS services. Brad Sparks informed the Board that they now have nine employees and would request that the Emergency Medical Service Board allow for an increase of \$44,000.00 to the Inter-Local Agreement for a total of \$140,000.00 per year in its proposed 2020 budget. This increase would give each Linton EMT/Firefighter a \$3,000.00 raise per year. It would also make up for the \$4,000.00 per year increase that the City has incurred as a result of hiring a ninth employee. The remaining \$13,000.00 would help the City of Linton cover other expenses such as overtime, workman's compensation, training and utilities. Additionally, Brad Sparks proposed that the new Inter-Local Agreement be for five years. Brad Sparks further reported to the Board that Linton has made over 600 runs so far this year for Greene County and has assisted other ambulances 8 times in the last month. Brad Sparks stated that they do primarily cover a certain area of Linton, but they have on occasion, left their side of the county to help lift patients in Bloomfield.

Ed Michael suggested that the Greene County EMS purchase power cots to help with workmen's compensation injuries from lifting. Ed Michael wondered if they could get used or reconditioned power cots. After discussion, Ed Michael suggested David Doane include power cots in the budget for next year.

David Doane provided a draft of the Ambulance Department's 2020 proposed budget for the Board's review and comments.

David Doane reported that the City of Jasonville seeks to increase rent from \$4,000.00 per year to \$5,000.00 per year to cover damage sustained to the walls from employees cleaning the ambulances.

There being no further business, Mike Hasler made a motion and was seconded by Brad Norton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED this 17th day of September, 2019.

Marvin R. Abshire, Secretary