

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the
Greene County Emergency Medical Services Board
March 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Services Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on March 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Present in person were Ed Michael, Joe Huntington, Mike Hasler, and Troy Gaither. Present by telephone was Brad Norton. Also present were the Board's attorney Marvin Abshire, Director Doug Hall, and Commissioner Rick Graves.

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Michael.

There was submitted for review and approval the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular meeting. It is noted that the February 16, 2021 meeting was cancelled. A motion was made by Troy Gaither and seconded by Joe Huntington to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-0.

Ed Michael reported that the Board of Commissioners approved the sale of two retired ambulances. The Commissioners advertised for sealed bids with no minimum and allowance to reject the bids. Two initial bids were received in the amounts of \$2,700.00 and \$3,790.00. The bids were tabled by the Commissioners. A subsequent bid was received and opened at the March 2, 2021 Commissioners' meeting. This bid was \$12,000.00 from Wagler Motor Park for the pair of ambulances. The Commissioners accepted the bid, conditioned on the agreement of the EMS board. A motion was made by Mike Hasler and seconded by Troy Gaither to approve the bid from Wagler Motor Park in the amount of \$12,000.00 for both ambulances. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-0.

Director Doug Hall reported that there have been 860 runs to date. Doug Hall notes belief that non-transports can be billed higher under new stimulus package. Doug Hall further reported that the total revenue for January was \$152,206.03 and revenue for February was \$130,935.61.

Doug Hall informed the board that two paramedic positions remain open and two paramedics are on FMLA. Doug Hall inquired if the board approved having an EMS employee, currently on FMLA, fill in for one week of light duty office work. A motion was made by Troy Gaither and seconded by Joe Huntington to approve light duty office work for EMS employee David Ausman during the week current office staff is on vacation. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-0.

The next item of business was discussion of consistent approach to cash settlement requests. Doug Hall would like the board to set a policy. The board discussed several options to consider. In connection with this discussion, Doug Hall presented two hardship applications for consideration. A motion was made by Mike Hasler and seconded by Troy Gaither to authorize the billing company to set up a payment plan; but if the payment plan is not feasible then the billing company is authorized to reduce to Medicaid rates; then if collections are still not feasible after those steps, the matter will be brought before the board for final action. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, Troy Gaither made a motion and was seconded by Joe Huntington to adjourn. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Abshire', written over a horizontal line.

Marvin R. Abshire, Secretary