

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the  
Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board  
March 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on March 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Present in person were Ed Michael, Mike Hasler, Ron Lehman, Brad Norton, and Troy Gaither. Also present in person were the Board's attorney Marvin Abshire and Director Doug Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Michael.

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2022 regular meeting. A motion was made by Mike Hasler and seconded by Ron Lehman to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Doug Hall updated the Board as follows:

1. Revenue for February, 2022 was \$127,272.70.
2. Run volume for February was 364 calls with 77% in transports.
3. The ambulance mileage report was circulated.
4. Power loads are to be installed this week.
5. E-1 has required brake repairs.
6. LUCAS device grant reporting is complete.

Doug Hall further reported that the current lead time is six to eight months to receive a new ambulance. A motion was made by Troy Gaither and seconded by Brad Norton for Doug Hall to solicit quotes for the purchase of a new ambulance to serve as a replacement truck beginning the latter part of the third quarter or the early part of the fourth quarter of this year. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug Hall and Troy Gaither informed the board that Greene County General Hospital and Greene County Ambulance Service are working collaboratively to develop a Pilot Community Paramedicine program to deliver Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Greene County Ambulance Service intends to apply for grant funds under the Health Issues and Challenges Grant to facilitate the program. As is the case with many rural counties, the ambulance service often is second only to the emergency room in terms of provision of rural healthcare. Given that the ambulance service anticipates utilizing the grant for community paramedic guidance and more particularly for hospital dismissal and post-discharge follow-up and readmission prevention, among other activities, such

efforts by the ambulance service will reduce reliance on emergency room post-treatment and should result in reduced readmissions, by providing a higher level of home care follow-up where little or no follow-up often is the norm. This kind of non-emergent treatment should benefit the ambulance service itself, by reducing the number of unbillable and non-emergent calls the service is often called out on. The plan is to receive grant funding to cover the startup costs and two years of operating costs for the pilot program. During the initial two years, the development team will strive to implement a reimbursement model that will allow the program to be financially self-sustaining. A motion was made by Ron Lehman and seconded by Troy Gaither to sign a letter of support for the Greene County Ambulance Service in its application for grant funds. The motion passed unanimously.

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

APPROVED this 19th day of April, 2022.



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Marvin R. Abshire, Secretary