

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the
Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board
October 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on October 21, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Present in person were Ed Michael, Brad Norton, Ron Lehman, George Dallaire, and Troy Gaither. Also present in person was GCAS Director Dave Simpson.

Ed Michael called the meeting to order.

There was submitted for review and approval, the minutes from the September 16, 2025, regular meeting. Brad Norton moved, and George Dallaire seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

GCAS Director Dave Simpson updated the board as follows:

1. The ambulance mileage with engine hours report was provided as well as a status on repairs.
2. All vehicles are up to date on routine maintenance of oil changes.
3. Dave noted he is working on an inventory and maintenance system for ambulances. He has asked the county attorney to review a contract renewal for the system which will cover all trucks.
4. Beginning November 1, 2025, Dave will not be covering a shift regularly.
5. Samantha Thornton has been working diligently to get new employees the certification requirements needed.
6. Revenue for September 2025 was \$183,299.19. The department collected \$114,305.07 this time last year. For year-to-date comparison, the department is \$82,238.33 ahead overall, from this time last year.
7. GCAS had 390 calls in September 2025, with 319 transports. These amounts do not include the separation from GC Rescue and the GCAS. Dave has found that runs have not been completed on all calls. Dave has implemented a new rule that if you are dispatched by our county dispatchers there must be a report completed.

Ed Michael asked Troy Gaither if the Greene County Hospital is satisfied with emergency transport response times. Troy noted in August 2025, there were seven delays for medical patients that had more than a two-hour response time. Two of those caused concern. In September 2025, there were two patients who had more than a two-hour response time, but in those circumstances, there was no concern. Troy noted overall, there has been an improvement in response times.

As a sidenote, Troy Gaither noted the ER has established a new trauma coordinator. The coordinator reports response times and quality measures. Dave noted crews are being held accountable. Troy further noted a new record will be reached for ER visits and transfers in 2025.

Dave has instructed crews to notify him or their supervisor immediately when they are returning from a transport after dropping off a patient instead of waiting until they get back.

Dave noted his county vehicle has numerous recalls so it will be out of service beginning next week.

Dave further noted uniforms have been selected for GCAS employees which will create professional uniformity across the department.

Brad Norton asked if there is any coordination or incident command in place with volunteer fire departments in the event of a mass casualty. Dave noted the GCAS is preliminarily working with a couple of fire departments to receive training. Brad also suggested a seminar could be coordinated to address expectations for each unit if there is a mass casualty situation. Brad also wondered about coordinating with local training institutions. Dave noted he recently met with the new EMA director who will host two classes for incident command management courses.

Troy Gaither added that the hospital is working on a decontamination process. An officer will be sent to Alabama for FEMA and hazmat training. The Hospital's current ER RN set up Monroe County's decontamination hazmat program. Once training is completed, the GCGH will then host training and will invite fire departments and EMS.

There being no further business, George Dallaire moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2025.

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

Marvin R. Abshire, Secretary