

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the
Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board
April 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on April 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Present in person were Ed Michael, George Dallaire, Troy Gaither, Brad Norton, and Ron Lehman. Also present in person was Director Doug Hall.

Ed Michael called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2023 regular meeting. George Dallaire moved, and Brad Norton seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Director Doug Hall updated the Board as follows:

1. Revenue for March 2023 was \$153,151.50, an increase of \$62,000.00 from 2022.
2. Run volume for March was 332 calls with 267 transports.
3. No major repairs were reported.
4. The ambulance mileage report was provided.
5. The service still has three full-time positions open.

The next item of business was consideration of Procol contract amendments to the current collection agreement dated July 7, 2020. The contract amendments propose to shift the burden of filing fees, service of process fees, and sheriff's fees from Procol to Greene County Ambulance Service effective May 1, 2023. Discussion was held regarding where the fees would be paid from within the budget. Ron Lehman moved, and Troy Gaither seconded, to approve the "Amendments to Agreements for Debt Resolution Services" as presented pending approval by Marvin Abshire, Commissioners, and Council. The motion passed 5-0.

In other business, Ed Michael asked Doug Hall and George Dallaire to share information on the AVL GIS system approved by the Commissioners. Doug reported that the AVL system will provide real time vehicle location of ambulances which will assist dispatch. George Dallaire noted the system is a safety feature to detect speed and exact vehicle location. After the initial upfront cost of \$6,200.00 paid by the Sheriff's Department commissary funds, the yearly subscription is \$1,500.00 per year. Five ambulances will have the AVL system installed. Doug Hall noted the ambulance service has

a large credit with AT&T so it will offset the cost for the cradle points and the service won't be out any money.

In other business, Doug Hall noted he conducted a wage survey of ten ambulance service providers and found that Greene County ambulance paramedics receive the lowest hourly rate of pay. The next closest rate is \$1.00 per hour more. Currently, Greene County is six paramedics short. The highest rate in the survey was Good Samaritan's base rate of \$25.00, plus experience. Sullivan County just hired a paramedic at the rate of \$25.52 per hour for two 24-hour shifts with no over-time, but if they take a run in the middle of the night they get paid at a higher rate. Ron Lehman thinks the minimum hourly wage for Greene County should be \$21.00 per hour. It was noted that Greene County does offer better benefits than most other counties. Doug Hall plans to approach the Council regarding this matter.

Troy Gaither noted that the ambulance staffing crisis also impacts the hospital when patients cannot be transferred when needed. Troy noted that recently a patient had to sign out from hospital and have a family member transport them to get the care they needed.

Doug Hall suggested that E-4 Jasonville station move to Linton in the future. Due to current building conditions at E-4, no one wants to work there. Doug would also like to explore the idea of putting medics at Linton Rescue.

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

APPROVED this 16th day of May, 2023.



Marvin R. Abshire, Secretary