

MEETING NOTICE

HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

9-1-1 CENTER

157 FREEDOM WAY, MOOREFIELD, WV

MEETING TIME WILL BE 6:30 P.M.

THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY WILL HOLD A MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE 9-1-1 CENTER, 157 FREEDOM WAY, MOOREFIELD, WV 26836**. THE MEETING WILL BE TO DISCUSS THE REGULAR BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY. THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. A QUORUM OF THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AND MAKE DECISIONS AND TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION ON MATTERS SCHEDULED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

A COPY OF THE MEETING AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE, IN ADVANCE , TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND/OR NEWS MEDIA AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 111, 204 WASHINGTON STREET, MOOREFIELD, WV 26836 OR BY CONTACTING THE HARDY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 304-530-0250.

AGENDA
HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY
MEETING DATE MARCH 17, 2025
STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.
MEETING AT THE 911 CENTER
157 FREEDOM WAY
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836

AGENDA:

- CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- APPROVE MINUTES—JANUARY MEETING
- TREASURER'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

- BUILDING, EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE
- WARDENSVILLE, HCEAA, WEST HARDY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, 9-1-1 CENTER UPDATES
- TRAINING
- DISCUSS THE REMOUNT OF THE 2017 AMBULANCE (371)

NEW BUSINESS:

- COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
- UPDATE REPORT FROM COMPANY 21
- APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES
- COMMENTS—BORARD MEMEMBER AND EMPLOYEES
- COMMENTS—GENERAL PUBLIC

**NEXT MEETING DATE, APRIL 21, 2025, AT THE BAKER BUILDING AT 17940 STATE ROAD 55,
BAKER, WV 26801**

Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority

Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

Present: President Paul Lewis, Vice President Dr. Tim Thorne, Treasurer Doug Coffman, Secretary Jean Flanagan, Fran Welton, Roger Vacovsky County, Commissioner Steve Schetrom Executive Director Derek Alt, Assistant Executive Director Nathan Keener

Guests: Becky Fishel, Lisa Twigg, Michaela Raines, Lindsey Cole from Wardensville Rescue Squad; Dusty Wratchford, Terra Dolly, Mike Phillips, Dave Pratt, Billie Jo Biddle from West Hardy Emergency Medical Services; Steve Pendleton from The Examiner, Matthew??

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by Paul. The Pledge of Alliance and a prayer followed.

Minutes

Jean moved and Tim seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19 Public Hearing and Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Derek reported the following for HCEAA for the month of February:

Total Expenses	\$106,786.06	
Total Revenue	\$113,737.39	
Income from Hardy County Commission		\$ 65,000.00
Income from Services		\$ 47,329.80
Other Income		\$ 1,407.59
Total	\$6,951.33	
Current Checking Account Balance =	\$ 6,269.00	
Current Savings Account Balance =	\$11,925.96	

Becky Fishel reported the following for Wardensville for the month of February:

Total Expenses	\$15,606.41
Total Revenue	\$14,223.71
Total	(-431.06)

Billie Jo Biddle reported the following for West Hardy for the month of February:

Total Expenses	\$154,627.21
Total Revenue	\$118,046.73
Total	(-36,625.48)

Old Business

Building

Nothing to Report

Equipment

Nothing to Report

Vehicles

All vehicles are in service.

Calls for Service

Paul reported the following calls for service for February:

West Hardy	100
HCEAA	68
Wardensville	29

The 911 Center is fully staffed with one dispatcher in training.

Training

None to report

Remount of 371 (2017 ambulance)

The remount of Unit 371 was tabled from last month's agenda. Derek reported the vendor said he could submit a new quote for FY2027. No action was taken.

Old Business**County Commission**

Derek reported the FY2026 budget was presented to the County Commission with a projected monthly draw of \$70,000 from the fee account. He was asked to resubmit the budget with a \$60,000 and \$65,000 draw. Derek presented a revised budget with those parameters, cutting personnel to attain a balanced budget. He predicts the draw will remain at \$65,000 for FY2026. The commission will vote on Tuesday, March 18.

Steve said the commission has discussed increasing the Emergency Ambulance Fee, but nothing has been decided.

Update from West Hardy EMS (Company 21)

Dave Pratt reported 100 calls for service, of those, 62 were transports, 31 were refusals (12 signed), 3 no transport, 1 cancelled on scene, 1 cancelled prior to arrival, 1 no patient contact, 1 transported by another EMS crew.

Dave also reported, the new remounted ambulance is scheduled for deliver in August.

Dave reported the past few days have been very busy.

Update from HCEAA and Wardensville

Nathan reported 73 calls for service, of those 41 were transports, 30 were non transports, 2 were dropped with Co. 21 responding.

Invoices

Derek submitted an invoice list for February. Roger moved and Tim seconded a motion to pay February invoices.

Comments from Board and Public

Roger reported he visited Wardensville, got a feel for their operation and commended their volunteer spirit. He also visited with West Hardy to go over budget issues. He met with Nathan and Derek during the budget process.

Fran asked if he found anything out of the ordinary. Roger said there was nothing earth-shattering. His purpose was to “cut the fat” from the budget, then “cut to the bone.”

Fran asked about staff availability. Roger said we are asking Wardensville to cover another shift. Lisa Twig said they are being asked to cover 3 - 4 shifts and it is not possible, when everyone who volunteers also works full time.

Paul said the County Commission has to provide service to the level it can afford.

Lindsay said the expenses have increased but the money coming in hasn't increased.

Billie Jo said decisions are being made that effect the entire county. If HCEAA cuts crews, they are asking others to take up the slack.

Michaela said if Wardensville picks up a call in Mathias and has to go to Rockingham, it takes 4 - 5 hours.

Roger said both Derek and Nathan will pick up another shift. He also said in three days, there was less than one call (on average) per day.

Fran said you can't lookout this as a commercial business, people's lives are at stake.

Roger said it is clear everyone is dedicated to providing the best service possible.

Lindsay said it's like we're going backwards.

Derek said we average 3.5 calls per day on the east side. There is an increased reliance on volunteer hours.

Billie Jo asked when are Derek and Nathan going to work full time? They are picking up a shift, but HCEAA is cutting three shifts.

Terena asked how many days are Derek and Nathan at the station?

Becky asked why West Hardy isn't audited? She said Wardensville is audited every year by a private accounting firm (R.Thomas & Assoc.)

Steve said he thinks they should be audited, but the MOU says HCEAA Board can inspect their books at any time.

Billie Jo said she would welcome anyone who wants to come and look at West Hardy books.

Dave reported St. Joseph in Parkersburg is closing. West Virginia is losing another ambulance service.

Jean reported the Salary Enhancement funds from the state are being cancelled. Last year, the state allocated \$25 million for fire and EMS. Now the state says there is no money.

Fran moved and Tim seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:31.

The next meeting of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority will be held on Monday, April 21 at the Baker Buildings, 17940 SR 55 in Baker. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Flanagan, Secretary

DATE March 17, 2025

SIGN-IN SHEET

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Lindsay Cole

DATE *Mar. 17, 2025*

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