

# HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

## MEETING NOTICE

THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE **HARDY COUNTY BAKER BUILDING, ROUTE 55, BAKER, WV, ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2016**, STARTING AT 6:30 P.M. 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, MAKE DECISIONS AND TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION ON MATTERS SCHEDULED ON THE MEETING AGENDA.

A COPY OF THE MEETING AGENDA IS 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.



**Hardy County OEM/IE911**

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**From:** j.m@citilink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:05 PM  
**To:** PAUL LEWIS  
**Subject:** HCEAA Special Meeting

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority held a special meeting on September 21, 2016 at the 9-1-1 Center, Moorefield, WV.

the main agenda was to vote on the purposed operational budget to be presented to the Hardy County Commissioners.

Present: Paul Lewis, Mary Fishel, Dave Pratt, George Crump, Ron Cries, Art Cerami, J.R.Keplinger

Guest present: Jean Flannagan, Craig Strawderman

Meeting was called to order by Paul Lewis, President,at 1835 (6:53pm) Pledge Allegiance and Prayer was first order of the meeting.

George Grump, provided a handout to members and guest, with his suggestions for staffing, if have 3 paid providers,could have 3 crews out, (1 Medic, 1 EMT and 1 driver , x 3 ) with a 3 person crew there would be 24/7 coverage. Dave Pratt agreed with George's handout.

(refer to your handout) Should have a spread sheet to track calls.

Discussion; that it would be difficult to find 3 medics and a Medic director. ideal would be a 3 man crew on each side of the mountain.

A budget of \$927,000.00 was suggested to have a 3 men crew, Paul stated we should stick with the original budget of \$768,048.00 and that we could approve the budget tonight but refigure it at a later date.

Derek Alt's original budget of \$768048.00 was approved by the HCEAA board members, and will be presented to the county commissioners by Paul lewis. J.R Keplinger made motion to approve budget, Ron Cries 2nd the motion, Motion approved, The budget may be be implimented in a different manner (distribution of money)

Fraleay Ambulance are requesting \$213,348.00 for operational expenses in the budget, Jean Flannagan questioned why Fraley's Ambulance Service get paid and Wardensville (Co.1) and Mathias Co 4) does not. Dave Pratt stated they need to hire 1 EMT and 2 more medics..

J.R.Keplinger stated we can vote on the budget but can we get the fee. Will have to see what we can get out of the fee, how we can enforce it, collection agency, We can adopt the fee as it is or go back and correct it,that may require a hearing. Is approved based on

court cost. Suggest to leave open for a few months , there is no date set by county commission to impliment fee. Landlords had collection problems, needs discussion if/how all residents are being charged.

Art Creami suggested "perks" should be offered, re: fee: membership association, large companies (Pilgrims Pride, Woodmark, etc) should be charged more ,based on number of calls. Fee should be \$175.00 as that pocket change to them.

Derek Alt was appointed Director of the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority, motion made by George Crump, 2nd by Mary Fishel.

Derek has been acting director of HCEAA.

Dr. Rexrode wants to schedule a meeting with the several board members before making a final decision to accept the meical director position of HCEAA.

Motion to adjorn was made and 2nd by George Crump. meeting adjourned at 1943 (7:43pm)

Next meeting will be held at baker station (Co 3) on Oct. 12, 2016 at 1830 (65:30pm

respectfully submitted by Mary Fishel Secretary

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**THE HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY  
P. O. BOX 671  
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836**

The Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority met on October 13, 2016 at the HCEAA building in Baker, WV for their regular scheduled meeting.

**Members Present:**

Ron Crites  
George Crump  
Mary Fishel  
Paul Lewis  
Dave Pratt  
Tim Ramsey

**Absent:**

Art Cerami  
Dr. Jerry Hahn  
J.R. Keplinger

**Public:**

5 citizens were in attendance  
two employees

President Paul Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with pledge of allegiance and prayer.

**Approval of the September Minutes**—Dave Pratt moved to approve the minutes. Ron Crites seconded the motion. (passed)

**Treasurers Report**—Tim Ramsey reported that there was approx. \$6,961.61 in account.

**Committee Reports**—none

**Special Reports**—none

**Old Business**

**Building, Equipment/vehicle, supplies update-**

**Building-** Everything in building seems to be functioning well at this time.

**Equipment-** Monitors have been serviced and working well

**Supplies-** All supplies have been put on hold pending new medical director. Agreement has been reached with Winchester Medical to draw supplies from their stock.

**Licenses-** Inspection to be performed on November 2. Derek is completing all necessary items.

**Fraleley's, Wardensville, Mathias-Baker and 9-1-1 center updates-**

Number of calls for September were: -Fraleley's-106, Mathias Baker-53, Wardensville-23, HCEAA-51  
Fraleley's and Wardensville had no new items. A Mathias Baker representative was absent from meeting.

**Work Schedules**

No report

**Part and Full Time Employment**

When funds start coming in from ambulance fee, more EMT's and medics will be hired. Until then, hiring remains on hold.

**Training**

There will be a state EMS Conference at Canaan Valley Resort on October 19-21. HCEAA is sending Derek Alt for training and he is authorized to use a chase vehicle.

**Drug/Equipment Inventory**

Derek asked the authority if surplus equipment (vent) could be sold. A motion was made by Tim Ramsey and seconded by George Crump for him to do so (passed).

Derek Alt suggested that after the first of the year, the old chase unit stationed at Co. 76 should be transferred to Co. 1 for use by medics in Wardensville to respond to Co 4 or Co. 1 medic assist calls since there is no chase unit on the east side (except co. 3).

**Medical Director update**

Dr. Rexrode has accepted the contract to be the medical director for Co. 3 only. She wanted to stress that this will be part time and will in no way interfere with her practice or her patients

## **New Business**

### **County Commission Report**

At the last Commission meeting, discussion centered on the possibility of charging businesses based upon the number of employees. Mr. See agreed to integrate the proposal in the new guidelines and present them to commission. Mr. Mooney sent a letter to the commission describing his concerns. This was read to the board by Paul Lewis.

There will be a work session at courthouse to work on fee amendments on October 24, 2016 at 10AM.

### **Approval to Pay invoices**

Recurring bills were paid without further discussion. A motion was made by George Crump and seconded by Dave Pratt to place the Yukon chase vehicle on the auction list (passed).

### **Committee to work/explore billing for the HCEAA:**

Discussion of how Co. 3 will work with billing. It was suggested that when a Co. 4 or Co. 1 calls comes, there will be a dual alert for that company and Co. 3. The first complete crew that arrives on scene will take the call.

There was a discussion of how much HCEAA would be reimbursed by Medicare/private insurance and Medicaid. Derek will work up the maximum and minimum of payment.

### **Employment comments –Derek Alt, Luke Stump, Jeff Snyder, Janet Horton, Heather Ours**

Derek Alt asked the commission to describe what was required as a full crew to man Co. 3 station. George Crump suggested that it consist of one medic, one EMT and one driver /EMT to possibly provide 2 crews with the help of one volunteer. It will also allow choosing from an ALS or BLS call.

### **Public Comments**

One guest asked the board what would be the anticipated date for county to start receiving insurance payments from billing. It was suggested that it would take 3-6 months after initial application.

One guest asked why a levy could not be done and they were told it would take a longer period to get on the ballot and it would cost the taxpayers an additional \$30,000 to implement. All interested parties agreed that a levy was not the way to proceed.

### **Grants-**

Bids to replace engine in 379 were solicited. There were no responses. . Using monies from the grant, the repair will be ordered to facility of choice.

### **Executive Session**

George Crump made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues which was seconded by Dave Pratt (passed).

After returning from executive session, a motion was made by Tim Ramsey and seconded by Mary Fishel to offer Derek Alt a salary of \$50,000 with benefits including family insurance coverage once the fee starts to be collected (passed). A motion was made by George Crump and seconded by Ron Crites to increase his present salary to \$18.00/ hour until fees are collected (passed).

**Next Meeting Date**-Next regular scheduled meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at the 911 center in Moorefield, WV on November 9, 2016.

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn by George Crump and seconded by Dave Pratt. (passed) Closed meeting at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,



For Mary Fishel, Secretary

By George Crump