

## **MEETING NOTICE**

### **HARDY COUNTY EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY**

**JANUARY 12, 2022 MEETING NOTICE**

**AT THE HARDY COUNTY 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, JANUARY 12, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE HARDY COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER, 157 FREEDOM WAY, MOOREFIELD, WV.** 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.

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MEETING DATE JANUARY 12, 2022  
STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.  
MEETING AT THE HARDY COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER  
157 FREEDOM WAY  
MOOREFIELD, WV**

**AGENDA:**

- CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
- APPROVE MINUTES
- TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDIT REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- BUILDING, EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE
- WARDENSVILLE, HCEAA, WEST HARDY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, 9-1-1 CENTER UPDATES
- TRAINING

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
  - UPDATE ON PURCHASE OF AN OPEN TRAILER FOR THE ARGO
  - PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT
  - APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES
  - COMMENTS—BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES
  - PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - PERSONNEL
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- NEXT MEETING DATE, FERUARY 9, 2022, LOCATION TO BE AT THE BAKER BUILDING, 17940 STATE ROAD 55, BAKER, WV.

**Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority  
Minutes for January 12th, 2022**

Present: Paul Lewis: President, Tim Thorne: Vice President, Doug Coffman: Secretary, Fran Welton, Ron Crites, Derek Alt: HCEAA Executive Director

Absent: Tim Ramsey: Treasurer, Jay David Fansler: County Commission representative

Guest Present: 1 citizen, Milda Mullins - Moorefield Examiner, 5 representatives with WHEMS, 1 with Wardensville EMS, Dr. Carmen Rexrode: Medical Director by phone, Tina Todd

President Paul Lewis called meeting to order at 6:32pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**December Minutes:**

Motion made to approve December minutes by Fran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Thorne, motion carries

**Treasurer Report:**

Derek reports as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, total expenses for the month of December \$76,472.60. The total revenue for the month of December was \$90,865.27. Currently the checking account has \$12,054.72 and the savings account has \$133,419.60.

**Ambulance Calls:**

Alerts for December: HCEAA 110      Wardensville 29      Fraley's 122

Paul reports the 911 center is fully staffed, has 1 extra to use for fill in.

**Old Business:**

**Building Grounds, Equipment/Vehicle**

**Building:** Nothing to report

**Equipment:**

New equipment, Stryker Cot and Monitors, that were approved on the bids from the special meeting on 12/29 have been ordered. 6–12 week delivery date.

The approximate cost total is \$65,000.00, the purchase discussion is tabled until next meeting for Derek to obtain options and interest rates.

Borrowing Cot from Grant County for use in Unit 373

**Vehicles:**

Units 381/383 are in service, nothing to report.

Unit 371 has module – electrical issue and getting replaced but in service.

Unit 372 is in service, nothing to report.

Unit 373 – In Service, nothing to report  
Unit 376 has an air bag leak, currently as Shorty's for repair

ARGO in service –  
Update from Fran regarding purchase of open trailer – she has not been able to catch up with Eugene Rinker to update any changes.

**Drug/Equipment:** Nothing to report

**Training:**

EVOC Class coming up end of January  
ESCAPE is in February  
Couple of EMT classes going on around the area

**New Business:**

**Commission Meeting:**

Representative from Alex Mooney's office attended the meeting and mentioned a project they are working on with Randolph County EMS and obtaining lift systems.

Lift systems are rated for up to 850 lbs, the lift assist in lifting the cot into the ambulance so providers do not have to strain their backs in lifting a patient into the ambulance.

EMS providers have not discussed obtaining the lifts due to the costly price tag that comes with purchasing.

Derek is working with Wendy in the Commission office to find out more information, but ideally it would be beneficial to have them on all units, realistically one unit for each of the companies in the county.

**Approval to pay invoices:**

Motion made for approval to pay invoices by Tim T, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries

**Board Member and Employee Comments:**

Fran posed the question to Co. 1 if they had identifying uniforms or identification badges? Fran asked the question because of an ambulance call that occurred previously at the Kac Ka Pon restaurant. Tom stated that Co. 1 does have shirts but do not wear them. Most of the time staff is not at the station at the time of a call and do not have time to go home to change or to grab a badge. Dave from WHEMS stated the state of WV does not require badges or uniforms. All that is required is certification. He keeps his certification on a thumb drive. Others stated if they leave badges in their vehicle they may not be driving that vehicle that day so they would not have the badge. Doug extremely upset that what he commented in the previous meeting was taken out of context and reported by newspaper incorrectly. His comments were from an observation of video and comments from people in the restaurant. He is extremely upset that it went to social media. His business has been attacked and wants his business be left out of the entire thing. He also stated the real news was in

regards to the mask mandate for EMS providers and why there were EMS Staff not wearing mask which none of that was not mentioned anywhere in the article.  
Discussion among everyone regarding the statistics about the mask and Covid-19.

Dr. Rexrode commented that in regards to statistics, the state is sampling for certain variants.

In the first ten days of 2022, there have been 50 run sheets and 15 of them are non-billable refusals. It was suggested, if we could educate the public that ambulance services are there to transport patients to the hospital, not to treat you.

Milda with the Moorefield examiner stated that she had no intent to villainize Doug in her article. Mary Jo Johnson with WHEMS said she was at that meeting and the article was not incorrect.

Fran apologizes for bringing up the subject.

**Public Comments:** No comments

Motion made to adjourn by Tim at 7:20pm, second by Fran, Motion carries

Next meeting: February 16th, 2022, 6:30pm at the Baker building.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Tina Todd.

