

February 8, 2016

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present except Commissioner Renoud.

Nick Robbins, EMS Director, discussed the December 2015 monthly EMS Report. The report showed \$83,436.04 in monthly income, \$44,418.30 in write-offs, \$16,769.42 in set-offs, and \$12,585.19 sent to Midwest Collections.

The Commissioners asked if we are charging for refusals. Chief Robbins responded by saying that he hopes the Community Paramedic position will help lower our number of calls, and therefore lower our expenses so we can continue not charging people for refusals.

Nick Robbins, EMS Director, discussed the 2015 Year End Report. The report showed 3,205 total calls for the year with an average response time of 7.03 minutes. 63.44% of the patients being transported went to Ransom Memorial Hospital. Total billed charges for the EMS Department in 2015 were \$1,642,971.

Nick Robbins, EMS Director, discussed the bids received to purchase a Sprinter style ambulance. Four bids were received that ranged from \$90,977 to \$99,519. The recommended bid is from Professional Ambulance in the amount of \$99,519 for a 2016 Mercedes Benz Sprinter 2500. Professional Ambulance is the only unit that provides seat that faces forward; all others have a side facing seat with only about twelve inches of leg room. Professional Ambulance offers a better warranty than the other bidders with a 3yr/36,000mi basic limited warranty and 5yr/100,000mi diesel engine warranty. The only additional items needed for the new ambulance will be non-reflective graphics at an estimated cost of \$3,000 and a Stryker cot at an estimated cost of \$14,995. The total cost of the completed ambulance would be \$117,514.

Commissioner Harris asked if Chief Robbins thought the new ambulance should have reflective graphics on it since it will be used as a backup when other ambulances are out for repair and remount. Chief Robbins said he could see the benefit in the reflective graphics but it would add an additional \$2,000 to the cost of the graphics.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16a.m.

Clerk

Chair