

BREMER COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2025

Time: 6p – 8p

Place of Meeting: Tripoli EMS building located at 101 2nd St SE, Tripoli, IA

Minutes Prepared by: Dawn Everding

*indicates a vote is needed

MEMBERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beaufore, Mike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brunkhorst, Bob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dierks, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Everding, Dawn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geise, Tom	<input type="checkbox"/> Happel, Dennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ladage, Kip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scanlan, Jason
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scharnhorst, Andy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schnadt, Deb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schutte, Jim	<input type="checkbox"/> Schumacher, Marv
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wedemeier, Dan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wygle, Derrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GUESTS

James Bronner, City of Waverly Administrator
Jodi Geerts, CEO Waverly Health Center
Joni Poppe, Waverly Health Center

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 p.m. – determination that quorum requirements met
 - a. Motion by Wedemeier, second by Schnadt to approve minutes from September 25, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion by Geise, second by Brunkhorst to approve agenda as posted. Motion carried.
 - o Public Input – none.

2. Old Business
 - a. Nomination for Derrick Wygle to serve as Advisory Committee Chair was made at September meeting. Quorum requirements were not met at that meeting and a vote was not conducted.
 - i. Motion by Wedemeier to nominate Derrick Wygle to serve as Advisory Committee Chair. Second by Geise. Motion carried.

3. New Business
 - a. Iowa Open Meeting Law quick reference guide was provided to advisory council members. Review of documents completed with option for electronic options available if not able to attend in person.
 - b. Discussion of current structure of Bremer County EMS Advisory Council membership and participation expectations. Quorum requirements of council require fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) member to meet quorum requirements.
 - i. Council members will be required to attend eighty percent (80%) of scheduled meetings.
 - ii. Advisory Council determined that the meetings would always remain in open session with the primary purpose being to provide a recommendation to the

Bremer County Board of Supervisors on structure and rate. The Advisory Council operates under the Board of Supervisors only.

- iii. Discussion from the Advisory Council on representation and membership to leave members as established with all communities being represented. Additional community members to be added would be as an Ex Officio status, including mayor of Tripoli, City Administrator from Waverly.
- c. Wygle provided additional details from the Iowa Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma (BEMTS) meeting. Statistical information provided on separate handout to be included with minutes.
 - i. Discussion on reviewing this from a regional approach. There have been counties that have been set up utilizing this concept.
 - ii. Discussed questions being asked in communities regarding EMS as essential service and meaning of that. Explanation provided that essential service for EMS would give same level as importance as fire and law enforcement for taxation purposes. State considers this to be a determination to be made by individual counties in Iowa.
 - iii. Discussion to utilize a third-party vendor to gather the hard data from the Bremer County agencies to better understand what is needed. Data received would be tool to present to Board of Supervisors. The vendors have ability to look at regional information to determine volume from Bremer County services in surrounding counties.
 - iv. Discussion to have subcommittee gather information from different agencies in counties that have successfully declared EMS as essential service to determine processes used and if that included third-party vendor to gather information. This information will be presented to Board of Supervisors to make recommendation if Request for Proposal (RFP) for this service.
 - v. Motion by Geise, second to Dierks to appoint Ladage, Wygle, Schutte, Beaufore and Scanlan to subcommittee to acquire more information from agencies in counties with EMS as essential service. Motion carried.
4. Summary of meeting action items:
 - a. Subcommittee to gather data from agencies and meet prior to next meeting to summarize information received.
 5. Motion by Brunkhorst, second by Wedemeier to hold next meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Tripoli EMS Building. Motion carried.
 6. Motion by Wedemeier, second by Geise to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.