

# Hartsville/Trousdale Emergency Services Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**September 7, 2021 – 7:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Courthouse – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Present:** David Nollner, Bill Fergusson, Mary Ann Baker, Ken Buckmaster, Bill Scruggs, Matt Batey, Jay Woodard and Mark Carman.

**Absent:** Rachel Jones, Bill Hunt, Richard Johnson, Joe Mirsadshanow, Amber Russell, Gary Walsh, Dr. Alexander Badru and Sheriff Ray Russell

**Others:** Mayor Stephen Chambers, Dwight Jewell, and Chris Gregory.

Chairman David Nollner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### **Review of Minutes from March 9, 2021**

Bill Fergusson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Seconded by Ken Buckmaster.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Update from Departments**

- A. Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Jay Woodard advised the following:
- \* The department had 84 runs at the end of August.
  - \* 617 man runs and they had used between \$18,000.00 and \$19,000.00 of their budget at this time.
  - \* They had purchased and installed all the new radios, received new lanyards and flashlights.
  - \* Brush Truck has been ordered but no date on receiving chassis yet.
  - \* Two new members have joined since the last meeting, 4 members had received their pump certification, 1 had attended a live burn and everyone had completed CPR recertification.
  - \* Chief Woodard needed one more class to complete his training then he would be able to teach classes locally instead of members traveling outside the county.
- B. EMA/EMS, Director Matt Batey
- \* EMS had right at 100 calls and made \$39,000.00 which is about average.
  - \* Still dealing with COVID-19, which involves transfers from this hospital to others.

When asked about staffing he advised that they are 1 person short on 1 shift but have an applicant coming to interview.

### **Discussion Items**

- A. County Siren System &
- B. Community Alert System - Mayor Chambers advised that Director Batey had reached out to Mobile Communications America which is the company that services the current system we have, they had a look at it and discovered issues. Quote to repair them.
- Director Batey advised that the current system only had an effective range of about a mile or so and that in his opinion a county wide alert would be more effective for the citizens. Perhaps explore other options instead of spending \$12,000.00 to repair the current system.
- Mayor Chambers advised that the county has updated the 911 alert system and perhaps that system could be utilized by making the public more aware of it and how to sign up for the service using social media, word of mouth and the Vidette.

- C. Ambulance Purchase** – Director Batey advised they had met with the vendor and looked at 2 different models they offer one was a Chevrolet 4500 which is a medium duty truck for \$251,143 and the other was for a Ford F450 for \$233,826. They had also looked at a Dodge and it was about \$11,000 more than the Ford. They are also getting performance information on the vehicles from other Agencies at this time. Dwight Jewell had asked about warranties, dealers, and fuel type. Deputy Chief Carman advised that these new vehicles would have a technician that would come and service the vehicle on site. No action was taken at this meeting due to allocation of funds not being done yet. Mayor Chambers advised that the final decision on the allowable use of these funds from the state should be made later this month and when that was done then the allocations could be done.
- D. Equipment Purchases** – Director Batey expressed needs and provided bids for the following:
- (4) Video Laryngoscopes and accessories which are used to put a breathing tube in a patient for \$9,864.40.
  - (1) additional LUCAS Chest Compression System and Accessories which allows chest compressions to be made while transporting patient in difficult areas for \$14,856.80.
  - (1) Cardiac monitor which will put one on each truck and the supervisor vehicle for \$33,161.00.

No action was taken at this time due to the allowable use of funds not being made by the state at this time.

**Other Business**

Dwight Jewell advised Members that he had found out that the Codes/Fire Academy is talking about eliminating the Director of Codes position and expressed concern.

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjourn**

Ken Buckmaster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill Fergusson and the meeting was adjourned.