

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITIAN GOVERNMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 08, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

LESLEY OVERMAN, CHAIR

BRIAN CROOK, SECRETARY

DAVID NOLLNER

DAVID THOMAS, VICE CHAIR

RICHARD JOHNSON

AMBER RUSSELL

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS BY POSITION, NON-VOTING PRESENT

MATT BATEY

MAYOR JACK MCCALL

MARK BEELER

RAY RUSSELL

Meeting was opened by Chairman Lesley Overman

Minutes from previous meeting had been passed out prior to meeting and were read for corrections or amendments.

Brian Crook made a motion to approve. Seconded by David Thomas.

Interim Fire Chief Mark Beeler gave a summary of the membership criteria and scheduled upcoming training. Mark also gave a list of all Fire Department vehicles and discussed hose testing will be done later in the year. Mark gave a detailed summary of the gear the fire department personnel will need this year. The fire department also got approved for a grant in the amount of 11,400 and will be purchasing a thermal imaging camera, and six SCBA bottles. Mark also discussed upcoming training and will be advising the committee when he will need more funding for the equipment needed.

Chairman Lesley Overman gave an update on the Brush Truck that was involved in an accident. Lesley advised that the insurance offered 205,000 and they would keep the truck, or the county keeps the truck with a salvage title and 175,000. Due to the amount of suspension and frame damage the committee recommended that we total the brush truck out and start over.

Matt Batey gave the EMS report. He advised the committee of the call volume. It was requested by Commissioner Amber Russell that we start using Trousdale Medical Center more instead of transporting patients to other hospitals so we can keep ambulances in our county. Matt advised that the patient could request where they want to go to get the best care and EMS is obligated to take them where they want to go. Matt then went over the financial report and is going to start giving a write off report so the committee can review it. Matt also advised he has five full time paramedics and is looking for one more to have a full crew.

Matt Batey gave a brief statement about Rescue. He advised that Rescue 1 is back in service and that they now have 19 active members. Batey also advised they haven't heard back from grants yet regarding upcoming training in the year.

Ray Russell advised of needing a new radio tower for Hwy 231 and gravel hill area. He advised he was looking into grants to fund the project.

Next on the agenda was the color scheme of the ambulance, which was brought up for discussion. The state has approved the color scheme of the black ambulance and the committee recommended that the Mayor and the EMA Director make the decision on colors in the future.

David Nollner made the motion to adjourn.