

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
April 10, 2024 | MINUTES  
**WORK SESSION - NO QUORUM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amber Russell, *Chair*

David Thomas, *Secretary*

David Nollner, *Vice Chair*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Johnson, Brian Crook, Lesley Overman

Meeting was opened by Chair Amber Russell. A quorum was not present. Chairman Russell noted that representatives from Smith County and Wilson County were present to review items on the agenda and wished to continue the meeting as a work session with no action from the members present.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

**EMA/EMS** – Matt Batey

- Status of Ambulance on order. Batey stated that a Ford 450 demo model is being finalized for shipment. The reason for the change is that Dodge had stopped producing the needed chassis. Company offered the demo model and will include installation of equipment and painting.
- Current White ambulance. Painting will be around \$6,000. Can be done at any time. Waiting for the delivery of the new ambulance before sending this one off for work.
- Emergency Shelter. Waiting for TEMA planner to visit the site at 210 Broadway. Will also include hazard mitigation.
- Training. Training is in progress.
- Building Maintenance/Remodel. List has been discussed with Mayor, Cliff Sallee, and contractor. May need to do work in phases to bring building back up to safety codes.

**Fire Dept** – Mark Beeler

- Repairs to vehicles. #12 Brush Truck that was wrecked in December 2022 is at Blankenships. A new frame has been received. Work should start soon and the quote is still good.
- New Brush Truck is waiting on a water pump.
- On April 16, the department will hold a celebration at the Fire Hall for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Burn Permits. A permit is in the early stages of discussion. Working with Codes & Zoning Committee and the Planning Office to determine needs and requirements.
- Blasting Permit. The Planning Commission has adopted a Blasting Permit for informational purposes. This will allow local emergency services to know of the activity and be prepared if they need to step in for assistance.

**Rescue** – Timmy Moore

- Handout was given to those in attendance.
- Repairs to vehicles. Funding is available to make repairs

- Repairs to Building. A list has been gathered. Needing bathrooms fixed. Cliff Saltee and contractor will be assisting.
- Training. In process. The County's calendar on the website has training dates listed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion centered around training incentives by the state and how it worked in other counties. Members could qualify for a \$600 stipend that goes straight to the employee. According to TCA, someone must oversee the local program. Purpose of the program is for volunteer organizations to receive appropriate training to limit liability and workers compensation claims.

**Public Comment**

None presented.

With it being a work session, all present were dismissed at 7:36pm.

*Minutes submitted by  
David Thomas*