

Kossuth County EMS Board  
Meeting Minutes  
2/4/20

6:31 pm Meeting called to order at the Kossuth County Election Building by Chairman Stecker  
Present: Stecker, Murphy, Walker, Davis, Albers, Tjaden. Nelson arrived at 6:34 pm  
Absent: Penton

There was no public discussion.

Walker made a motion to accept the previous minutes and agenda, second by Davis. Roll call vote, carried.

Discussion of EMS System and bringing in surrounding county services. As a starting point, a meeting has been scheduled with Armstrong on 2/12/20 at 7:00 pm.

The Board took a look at the Kossuth County EMS Affiliation Agreement for review. Davis questioned, and it was clarified that we will be within the IDPH (Iowa Dept of Public Health). Also in Section 9, there was clarification that the county wide roster is voluntary to each individual. Phil has run this by Insurance company lawyers for proper language, it needs to go to the state and Todd Holmes, then back to us for final approval.

There was discussion/decision on the Kossuth County EMS Board Bylaws created by Todd Holmes. Motion made by Davis and second by Walker to ask the BOS to approve the bylaws. Roll call vote, carried.

There was discussion on the Kossuth County EMS Board as Non-Transport EMS Provider. An explanation was asked for, this will be a county wide roster to serve on local services. Can be explained as rather than having the existing 10 services we currently have; it will be like an 11th service, however, not capable of transport but capable of acting as the umbrella over the current systems.

Phil explained how a ZOOM contract can provide remote training for all services in the county. Annual fee of \$120 will provide 100 connections through a WebEx type of connection. Cameras are hooked up so that presenters can be seen, and communication can take place between the presenters and crew members. The program tracks participant training, and training can be recorded to be watched at a later date. Grant money is potentially available.

Early stages of how the legal side of the business agreements between the City of Algona, Swea City and Kossuth County will work. Need legal agreements drafted by Todd Holmes. The BOS approved 350,000 to 400,000 to Algona for salaries and benefits for the first year (200,000 each from local option sales tax and general basic). Still anticipate a contribution from the hospital to help cover transfers. Discussion of the City hiring additional staff, one medic to rotate to Swea City for 24/7 coverage.

In other Board discussion, a very rough draft agreement for the Medical Director was handed out. This will need to be reviewed by Mercy and Todd Holmes, one Medical Director for the county.

The System Administrator hiring will be approved by the BOS at their next regularly scheduled meeting, assuming they will go on the recommendation of the interview committee, which is what they stated at a previous board meeting.

Donnie Loss reported that he spoke with Jolene Rogers at Iowa Lakes and they have a new instructor and have re-written the curriculum. Bill Dickey would like to come to one of our EMS meetings to discuss the program they offer. All local ambulance services should be notified and invited to attend the meeting.

7:25 pm Walker made a motion to adjourn, second by Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Tjaden, Secretary Pro Tem