

JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Thursday, February 24, 2011- 4:00 p.m.

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room B190

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Giese, Steve Doyle, Jerry Arndt, Tara Johnson, Ken Manke, Nancy Proctor

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Paczkowski, Bruce Ranis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Matt Harter, Dr. Dan Lenselink, Dr. Eric Voter

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve O'Malley, William Shepherd, Tom Tornstrom, Jim Klock, Vicki Burke, John Zahn, Mike Kemp, Jay Loeffler

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Giese, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. /Roll Call

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Proctor/Arndt to approve the meeting minutes of August 25, 2011, MOTION **passed unanimously**. Paczkowski, Ranis excused: Harter, Lenselink and Voter absent.

REPORT ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES BY LA CROSSE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES – Bill Shepherd – hand out of resolution list.

Bill went over the resolution list pointing out West Salem has considered, but have taken no action and none of the others on the list as, "not passed", have changed. Jerry Arndt questioned if the municipalities on the list as "not passed" are considering or are they rejections. No one was certain. Steve Doyle said his understanding was that the Village of West Salem had taken no action based upon the Village Attorney's recommendation that they didn't need to and it would place liability on them. Mayor Giese conveyed the information presented does inform the commission of the status of the municipalities' resolutions of acceptance.

AUTHORIZATION BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO EXECUTE: AGREEMENT – EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION AND TRI-STATE AMBULANCE INC. - Mayor Giese

advised that the board needs to move forward or decide other actions. It was discussed and decided that the percentage of the county population represented by the municipalities who have signed would be approximately 50% or slightly under. Mayor Giese invited any statements or opinions from Tri-State as to their willingness to accept and sign an agreement with the municipalities who have passed the resolution. Tom Tornstrom questioned what it would involve if any of the municipalities who haven't signed, would want to sign on later. Bill Shepherd said whether it is this agreement or some other, each Village, Town and City has an obligation to provide ambulance service for their citizens. We would

invite them to join but if they don't, they would not have a voice in resolving problems or improving the system, which is what this entire process was designed to do. There was discussion relating to the absence of signed agreements by municipalities who are represented on the commission and it was agreed this subject should be addressed at the next meeting. The board asked Tri-State Ambulance if they would be willing to sign the agreement without all the municipalities and they stated they would. Jim Klock said this was never their intent to put citizens and communities in jeopardy and would continue to provide service as they always have.

Mayor Giese requested action be taken on Item #4.

Motion by Johnson/Proctor to Authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to enter and execute an agreement with Tri-State Ambulance for Emergency Medical Services as outlined in the Agreement. **MOTION passed unanimously.** Paczkowski, Ranis excused: Harter, Lenselink and Voter absent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION – Mayor Giese pointed out the committee is coming up on the time to elect a new Chair. Steve Doyle recommended Mayor Giese continue as Chair and assuming they ratify the agreement, someone with the City of La Crosse to Vice Chair. There was discussion and the decision made that no action be taken at this meeting and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Financial Report 2010 – Tri State Ambulance

Response Times – Tri State Ambulance

Determine what information is needed from Tri-State and at what frequency.

Election of Officers of the Joint City/County Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Mayor Giese advised; if there are agenda items commission members would like to have addressed for the next meeting, they need to contact the Chair directly.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, May 26, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Doyle/Proctor to adjourn. **MOTION passed unanimously.** Paczkowski, Ranis excused: Harter, Lenselink and Voter absent. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Patti Jakowski, Recorder.