

The Kossuth County Emergency Management Board met on Wednesday July 31, 2019 at the Algona EMS meeting from. Attending were:

David Penton	Emergency Management
Debra Steven	Lakota
Dar Elbert	KRHC
Corey Rasch	Bancroft
Jerry Thompson	Lone Rock
Donnie Loss	KC Supervisor
Alan Miller	Fenton
Merrill Meese	IDPH
Mark Davis	KRHC
Gary Merrill	Algona EMS
Kyle Stecker	Supervisor
Amber Garman	KC Auditor
Aaron Boyken	Titonka
Curt Wiseman	Algona
Stephen Kollasch	KC Sheriff

Sheriff Stephen Kollasch started the meeting by call for public discussion. During this time, Gary Merrill, Algona EMS director gave a recap of the previous meeting on July 16, 2019 and the reason for this special meeting.

At 7:04 pm Chairman Kollasch called the meeting to order with the confirmation that a quorum was present. 7 voting entities were required, 7 voting entities were present.

Minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting were approved by motion from Corey Rasch (Bancroft) and 2nd by Jerry Thompson (Lone Rock). Motion passed.

Motion to approve the July 31, 2019 Agenda was made by Donnie Loss (KC Supervisor) and 2nd by Alan (Fenton)

Old business:

Dr 4421 is disaster relief which has been submitted, we are waiting for some time cards to be verified. A Dr 22 federal time sheet will be submitted to the county entities soon.

New Business:

The Kossuth County Emergency Management board has been asked to oversee EMS in Kossuth County. The board has agreed to do this however it was suggested that they consider having a smaller board work out the details and bring those ideas/ suggestions to the board. After much discussion it was decided to have each supervisor nominate someone from their district, a member from the Kossuth Regional Health Center & one from the KC board of supervisors.

Motion was made by Alan Miller (Fenton) and 2nd by Jerry Thompson (Lone Rock) to have a smaller board to establish a sub-board with a member from each of the Kossuth County Supervisors districts, a

representative from KRHC and a Kossuth County Supervisor as members. Each of the Kossuth County Supervisors would suggest a representative from each of their district.

Roll call vote was taken with the motion passing. Results were:

Jerry Thompson (Lone Rock) – yes

Alan Miller (Fenton) – yes

Arron Boyken (Titonka) – yes

Corey Rasch (Bancroft) – yes

Debra Steven (Lakota) – yes

Donnie Loss (KC Supervisors) – yes

Stephen Kollasch (KC Sherriff) – yes

The exact role of this group is still to be determined, consideration given in the board have some authority, but when the decision is bigger for them, they bring it back to the cities or supervisors. Discussion was held on possibility of names for the board, however no action was taken on these names.

Discussion was held on how Algona currently runs their ambulance. Currently it was thought that 33% of the calls were real 911 calls, 33% of the calls were nursing home calls and 33% were non transfers including the “help me get up” calls. Discussion was held on how the current paramedics are being used for calls, and options of how to get more drivers etc., including talking to the Algona fire department, as many of the other services use fireman or other non-EMS personnel as drivers.

Discussion was held on the possibility of hiring 4 EMT’s to use throughout the county to assist in daytime help for all the services. Looking at what resources are already available and what costs would be needed to run the system as a county wide system. These tasks are just some of the ones that the new board/commission would need to discuss and make decisions on.

Discussion for the need of a county EMS system administrator was tabled.

Discussion was held on what would need to happen to put on the ballot any taxation decisions. Amber will look into this, including deadlines and publication dates. It is currently felt that we will need an estimated \$700,000 to a million dollars to cover the county at this current time. It is felt the EMS fund would need to be on a per capita basis.

The city of Algona and the Kossuth County Supervisors are going to try to work out a solution for the current deficit that the City of Algona is in for their EMS service.

Corey Rash (Fenton) mad a motion to adjourn, Aaron Boyken (Titonka) 2nd it. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday August 13, 2019 at 7 pm at Bancroft City Hall.

Submitted by Debra Steven