

Kossuth County EMS Board  
Meeting Minutes  
2/18/2020

6:30 pm Meeting called to order at the Kossuth County Election Building by Chairman Stecker  
Present: Stecker, Murphy, Davis, Albers, Tjaden.  
Absent: Walker, Nelson

Public discussion moved to end of meeting.

Davis made a motion to accept the previous minutes and agenda, second by Murphy. Roll call vote, 4 ayes 2 absent carried.

Discussion/decision review and accept resignation of Phil Albers from board due to his acceptance of the administrator position. Discussion on how to replace that position and it is an appointed position by the that supervisor district. Motion by Tjaden to accept resignation, second by Davis. Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 2 absent, carried.

Discussion/decision review and accept resignation of David Penton from board as secretary due to the understanding that once an Administrator was hired that person would assume the duties of secretary. Motion by Murphy to accept resignation, second by Stecker. Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 2 absent, carried.

Discussion/decision of election of officers. Discussed how the Board had the plan in place to have the Administrator assume the duties of Board secretary once hired. Motion by Davis for Phil Albers as secretary for the Kossuth County EMS Board, second Tjaden, 4 ayes 2 absent, carried.

Discussion of election of Vice Chair of the Kossuth County EMS Board. Motion by Murphy to table the Vice Chair until a full board was present, second Davis, 4 ayes 2 absent, carried.

Discussion/decision on complaint on meeting dated January 21, 2020. The Board reviewed the complaint of an alleged violation of the open meeting laws. The Board also reviewed the response that was drafted by then Board Secretary David Penton. This response has been sent to the Kossuth County Attorney Todd Holmes. Board member Tjaden would like to add to the response that there was a roll call vote to enter and to exit the closed session. Board member Davis asked that we submit this response in a timely manor. Motion by Murphy to have the response returned to the Iowa Public Information Board with the change requested and approval by the Kossuth County Attorney, second Tjaden, 4 ayes 2 absent, carried.

Phil Albers presented the current status of the current EMS System and how the districts were setup using the fire districts. He explained how the 10 services in the County are licensed, the two communities that do not have any response, which areas are covered by other Counties, which areas we are covering outside Kossuth County, the areas where Algona and Swea City are being dual paged to assist other services, and the positive things that are happening in Kossuth County.

Bancroft and Swea City gave their presentations for the services. These were the same presentations that were given to the Board of Supervisors this morning.

Phil Albers presented on three options for a location of the northern hub and the recommendation for the southern hub to be in Algona. The options for the northern hub was to build a new facility at the intersection of HWY 9 and HWY 169S, Swea City as the northern hub, and Bancroft as the northern hub. The cost would be too great to start a new location. He presented the pros and cons for both locations and asked the board to make a recommendation for a location with the final decision to be made by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion/decision to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a location of the two hubs. Motion by Murphy to table recommendation for a week until we have a full Board and the 2 absent have a chance to review the information presented tonight, discussion on what night to have the meeting. Monday Feb 24 at 6:30 at the election building, second Tjaden, 4 ayes 2 absent, carried.

Public Discussion:

Jolene Rogers Executive Director from Iowa lakes Community College presented on the improvements to their EMS program. She explained the improvements they have made, they now have a 5 year license, discussed the ems program and where they are at now and the things they want to do, she explained that they are now willing to hold classes without a specified number of students, but would like to see 8, and they currently have 30 interested in taking classes.

Mark Davis encouraged all EMS Service members to talk to people, share what we do and show them how we do things.

8:17 Motion to adjourn by Murphy, second Davis, carried

Respectfully submitted  
Philip Albers, Secretary