

## Kossuth County EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 1/10/2023

Kossuth County EMS System Advisory Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Members in attendance: Bierstedt, Vaske, Tjarks, Larson, Tjaden, Albers

Chairman, Roger Tjarks called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Chairman Roger Tjarks opened the floor to public discussion, no public discussion was brought to the council.

A motion to approve agenda/minutes was made by Vaske with a second by Larsen—motion carried.

Phil informed the group would need to have an election of officers for 2023. He requested to table this until the bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors. We'll need to discuss this and maybe vote at the next meeting. After discussion amongst the Members, it was decided to table and bring it for the next meeting.

Phil reviewed the election results with the members. None of the members had questions and no further discussion. Members were given the results from all precincts.

Phil reviewed the bylaws and term limits for council members, as well as identifying additional members. On page three, Article 8, section two and three were discussed, Page 2 membership, Phil reported the Council will transform from 5 to 7 members. No action was taken at this meeting. Members will review the bylaws and bring them back to the next meeting for discussion. The plan will be to take the bylaws to the supervisors to review it before or after the next meeting. Discussion was held regarding the importance of staggering membership to avoid all new members at once. Roger did bring up that the Board of Supervisors were more interested in finances versus policies and procedures.

Budget discussion was held with Phil informing the council the new date for beginning as a county owned service would be 7/1/2023 rather than the original date of 7/1/2024. We were told we would not receive any levy revenue until October of 2024. This was in error and the new funds will now be received in October of 2023. Budget discussion was held regarding the new budget for the county owned system. All members were given the proposed EMS budget for fiscal years 2023/2024. It was decided to not take any action tonight so members could review these numbers and make a recommendation on January 24, 2023.

It was recommended that Phil setup a meeting with KRHC to discuss their support within this new system and ask for them to provide some funding to the system. Phil will get this setup and Roger, Jacob if possible, and Phil will meet with them.

Next Advisory Council meeting will be 1/24/2023 at 5:00 PM at the KCEMS Office.

Council Discussion – there was no further council discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Philip Albers, Secretary