

Kossuth County EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 7/5/2023

Kossuth County EMS System Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. This was a joint meeting with the Swea City City Council and was held in Swea City, Iowa

Members in attendance: Bierstedt, Vaske, Smidt, Stecker, Kollasch, Tjaden. Absent: Larson

Meeting was called to order by Chair Stecker at 6:30PM

The floor was open to public discussion; no public discussion was brought to the council.

Motion by Vaske and 2nd by Bierstedt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Transfer of Asset Agreement. First item discussed was the items in Schedule A that should be removed and remain property of Kossuth County. On the Radios which were purchased by the E911 Board and who owns the radios and who should insure them. It was explained by the E911 Board that these should be property of the county and the communities should insure these items. They will be removed from the Schedule A. On the Transition Agreement item 3 paragraphs 4 and 5 the concerns were addressed regarding the wording alterations, additions, and improvements. We need this to read that cameras and internet equipment will be allowed to be installed and not left to City Council discretion later. If the County shall purchase this equipment, it shall remain property of County in the future. These two items were approved by the City Council and a resolution was made by them to approve the Agreement with the changes recommended at this joint meeting.

Discussion on the License Agreement for shared space within the Swea City Firehall. The first concern was in Section 1 paragraph 3. This language should match the withdrawal language used in Transition Agreement. In Section 1 paragraph 4 we need to clarify who is responsible for paying for repairs and maintenance as it is not clear and reads that it will be jointly the City's and the County's responsibility. Request to add a sentence stating Swea City is responsible for the repairs and maintenance on the facility. Section 1 paragraph 5 add in that all camera and internet equipment purchased by the county shall remain the property of Kossuth County. Section 4 Financials. Dates of payment shall be changed to December and June of each fiscal year. Much discussion was held regarding the payment amounts and the items listed to charge for. On the discussion regarding charging for insurance it was resolved by removing any charges for the cost of insurance or an insurance expense for the county to pay for. The utility charges were discussed, and it was left with in the Agreement a charge of 25% for the cost of electric and Gas for the facility. The last item within the cost to use the facility was the rent as set by the city in the amount of \$200 per truck per month for a total of \$4800. This amount was left as is. In Section 5 regarding the ability to move equipment as needed. The Advisory County asked that these are the same for both the city and the county and not just allowable for the city to move equipment. The city agreed to change this and make these 2 paragraphs mirror each other. Section 5 paragraph 4 needs to be changed to specify that Camera, antenna, and internet equipment will be allowed. In Section 6 paragraph 2 this whole paragraph will need to be removed as it does not pertain to this Agreement and is part of the Transition Agreement. It was requested by the city that all cameras at the firehall to be internal only.

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Further discussion was held regarding the financials and the amount of rent to be charged at \$4,800 per year. The mayor of Swea City specifically asked for the opinion of Phil Albers and that of Kyle Stecker. Phil stated that he does not have a vote and will support the decision of the Advisory Council, but that he personally felt the amount was high based on the original plan presented by Swea City in 2019 before it was placed here and because of the benefit the city receives from having the hub located in Swea City. Kyle said he would deal with this at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the availability of BLS providers to assist the ALS providers staffed in Swea City for the Northern part of the county. We must have them available to assist or this system will not work. The ALS providers are not here to just cover Swea City and not be available for the rest of the county when needed.

Discussion on the upstairs area of the firehall and the inability to install internet or anything because there is no access to that area with the pile of stuff that is at the top of the stairs. This will need to be addressed and cleaned up before we can put in our equipment. Mayor Zielske asked that Chris Stevens address this with the fireman and fire chief.

Council Discussion-No further Council Discussion was held.

Next Council Meeting – no meeting date was set.

Adjourn by Tjaden at 7:16PM.2nd Bierstedt carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Philip Albers