

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
August 15, 2024
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular August 15, 2024 meeting was called to order by Eric Renken at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christine Vella (Niles Township), Ric Huff (City of Niles), Wendi Heyliger (Buchanan Township), Eric Renken Co-Chair (Milton Township), Gary Mihills (Pokagon), Larry Money (City of Buchanan)

ABSENT: Jerry White (Bertrand Township), Bill Kasprzak, Chairman (Howard Township),

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Scribner (Executive Director), Josh Kay (Operations Manager), Tim Rogers (Niles City Council), SMCAS employees

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Scribner requests that an agenda item be added for a presentation by Jason Wiley regarding a potential merger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by Huff, second by Mihills, to approve the July 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Voice Vote (6-0) Motion Carries

Presentation by Jason Wiley of Medic 1: Potential Merger of SMCAS and Medic 1

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee:

There was no Safety Committee Meeting this month.

Finance Report:

Scribner presented the May 2024 Financial Reports.

Motion by Renken, seconded by Money to approve The July 2024 Financial Report. Roll call vote Wendi Heyliger (Yes), Gary Mihills(Yes),Chris Vella (Yes), Ric Huff (Yes), Larry Money (Yes), Eric Renken(Yes) Motion carried (6-0).

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Approval of Checks:

The board reviewed the check register as presented. Receipts will be provided for all credit card transactions.

Motion by Renken seconded by Huff to approve Checks Written # 28673- # 28731 totaling \$78,741.81. Roll call vote Wendi Heyliger (Yes), Gary Mihills(Yes),Chris Vella (Yes), Ric Huff (Yes), Larry Money (Yes), Eric Renken(Yes) Motion carried (6-0).

Aging Report

Josh Kay presented the July aging report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing levels have allowed us to move to 24/7 two ambulance coverage of Cass County.

We have been approved for a portion of our grant request (\$138,600) for EMS Education.

All six owner municipalities have approved the amended articles of incorporation. Scribner is working to collect all signatures for final submission to the State.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration of extension of Cass County agreements to month-to-month while negotiation of long term agreement continues.

Motion by Heyliger, second by Huff to continue month-to-month service of Cass County until new contract written and approved. Roll call vote Wendi Heyliger (Yes), Gary Mihills(Yes),Chris Vella (Yes), Ric Huff (Yes), Larry Money (Yes), Eric Renken(Yes) Motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS: .

COMMENTS

Dan Linn Expressed concern regarding the potential merger

Motion to Adjourn at 17:26 by Renken, second Huff to adjourn. Voice vote (6-0)