

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

February 12, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brenda Fournier, Chair
Dave Karschnick
John Kozlowski
Bob Adrian, Guest

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Forbush, Alpena City Fire Chief
Rob Edmonds, Alpena City Fire Deputy Chief
Nathan Skibbe, Alpena Township Supervisor
Tammy Sumerix-Bates, Executive Manager
Gerald Fournier
Bruce Wozniak, WATZ
Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEM: Review of the first responder calls by the City, Alpena Township as well as the outlying townships over an appropriation of \$117,000.00 yielded the following results:

City of Alpena: \$50,000.00
Alpena Township: \$39,000.00
Green Township: \$6,000.00
Hubbard Lake Township: \$3,000.00
Long Rapids Township: \$4,000.00
Maple Ridge Township: \$3,000.00
Sanborn Township: \$6,000.00
Wilson Township: \$6,000.00
\$117,000.00

Motion by Commissioner Kozlowski with support by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends to approve distribution from the First Responders Calls line item, #210-651-803.001, appropriated on a quarterly basis as presented:

City of Alpena: \$50,000.00
Alpena Township: \$39,000.00
Green Township: \$6,000.00
Hubbard Lake Township: \$3,000.00
Long Rapids Township: \$4,000.00
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INFORMATION ITEM: Commissioner Fournier brought discussion regarding the contracted budget amount for consumable supplies (City Disposal 1st Responder Supplies). In times past the hospital provided consumable supply refills to the ambulances. Currently the City ambulances are also restocking township EMS for consumable/disposable supplies used at the scene and are no longer receiving replacement supplies from the hospital. The City currently budgets \$60,000.00 per year for disposable supplies, of which the County contributes \$15,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Karschnick to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends we approve an additional \$7,500.00 for the disposable/consumable supplies budget line item, #210-651-727.001, as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chief Forbush outlined for the Committee the difference between budget line items to restock drug boxes/kits and disposal 1st responder supplies. He noted also that the hospital charges \$25.00 each time to refill and reseal the drug boxes.

INFORMATION ITEM: The ambulance replacement plan was discussed.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was held regarding road signs, their cost and relevance as compared to GPS. All ambulances have an iPad with GPS loaded. The 911 center has mapping software to assist in guiding law enforcement and medical responders if needed. Rural addresses and private roads have more challenges with accuracy of GPS and road signs become more valuable.

Moved by Commissioner Karschnick and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to recommend the below Action Item. Motion carried.

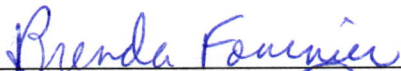
ACTION ITEM #3: The Committee recommends we approve adjusting the road sign line item, #210-651-977.002, down to \$2,000.00, as presented.


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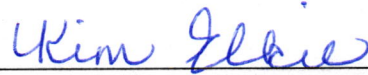
ACTION ITEM #4: The Committee recommends to approve an agreement with the Road Commission to provide \$2,000.00 toward public/private road signs, per the Ambulance Fund Policy.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chief Forbush explained the process his crew utilizes to disinfect the ambulances and high traffic/living areas of the station using a blue light decontamination system along with disinfecting wipes. The units have been in use since prior to COVID-19 and have proven to be a valuable tool.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kozlowski, support by Commissioner Karschnick. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Brenda Fournier, Chair 



Kim Elkie, Administrative Assistant