

February 5, 2020

Board met in special session at 8:00 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush. Also present Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy; Brian Paul, EMA; Louise VanErsvelde, Sally Lang.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:14 a.m. Gary Wilson joined the meeting.

Board discussed ambulance service and copy of a letter sent to Gary Wilson, Chester Township, from City of Grinnell regarding an offer for the county to pay 40% of their contract with Midwest to cover the rural townships around Grinnell.

Doty stated that in the beginning, the county offered to pay 23% of the contract and Grinnell declined with no counter-offer. The county reached out a second time with the 23% offer and again Grinnell declined and stated they would just deal with service within the Grinnell city limits. So the county then went forward to working with Montezuma and East Poweshiek and things are currently in motion. Dawley stated the county has already committed funding to Montezuma and Brooklyn in the FY'21 budget. The county cannot go back on commitments they currently have with Montezuma and East Poweshiek.

Sally Lang inquired on the timeline and correspondence with county and city. Doty provided background on the ambulance service and how we come to the current situation. Dawley provided a timeline with dates of meetings and correspondence with city.

Roudabush stated Montezuma and East Poweshiek is looking at a "fly car" that would be a car a paramedic could have with equipment and meds to respond to a location and perform services while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. They are also looking at the possibility of housing an ambulance in Grinnell area.

Doty stated the board has reached out to the city to see if they would cover portions of Grant Township and Chester Township with the city receiving payment from township taxation. Roudabush stated he met with the city regarding this offer and the city declined covering any portion outside the city limits.

Dawley stated the townships are now taxing for emergency services and they should have good service if they are taxing. She hopes this "fly car" will provide some peace of mind for residents.

Gary Wilson inquired if the board has reached out to Care to see about leasing their building & ambulance. Doty stated they would look into that.

Roudabush stated there have been many complaints with Midwest's service and the city has now entered into agreement for BLS service and not ALS service and with only one ambulance.

Board stated they will discuss ambulance at their meeting tomorrow in Grinnell and have invited the city council and other city officials to meet.

9:47 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

February 6, 2020

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. at Drake Library, Grinnell, Iowa. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush. Also present: Brian Paul, EMA; Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Jean Perri, Lamoyne Gaard.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve January 29 & February 3, 2020 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Brenda Daily, CICS met with board to provide quarterly CICS update report.

8:50 a.m. Donald Stoker and Worthin Grattan joined the meeting.

Board placed a phone call to Sandy Ross, Treasurer. Sandy updated the board on a county held certificate on a parcel in Searsboro, which has an interested buyer. In a prior board meeting, Sandy discussed with the board if the county would be willing to abate the interest portion due on this county held certificate and the board stated they would be in favor of that. Sandy wanted to update the board that the amount provided to the board at the prior meeting was incorrect and the actual amount of interest requested to abate is actually less and would be around \$470. Board advised Sandy to continue working with the interested buyer and when finalized, bring back to the board and they would approve a resolution.

9:00 a.m. Skip Lowe, Linda Lowe, & Duane Litogot with Bernie Lowe & Associates met with the board to provide 1st & 2nd quarter update for Poweshiek County Employee Health Plan.

9:30 a.m. Gary Wilson and Randy Lidtka joined the meeting.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve February 7, 2020 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$206,709.06. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve Resolution #2020-15 regarding mileage reimbursement for employees required to use their personal vehicle for county business. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for month ending January 31, 2020.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve liquor license renewal and update to ownership for Travel Centers of America, Brooklyn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

The following individuals joined the board meeting: Lyle Johnson, Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy; Mike Edgington, Traci Smith, EPAS; Roger Roland, Judith Roland, Royal Roland, Peter Schalmo, Kay Haines, Dan Mauss, Elliott Schuck, Phil Summers, Tom Ogle, Mary Lou Ogle, Rachael Kinnick, Darwin Klenk, Jennifer Havens, GRMC-Unity Point; Ron Lang, Ed Evans.

10:00 a.m. Russ Behrens, Grinnell City Manager and Dan Agnew, Grinnell City Mayor met with the board to discuss ambulance service, specifically regarding a proposal in a letter sent to Gary Wilson, Chester Township Clerk and copied to the supervisors. In the letter, the city proposed for city to pay 60% of current EMS contract with Midwest Ambulance if Poweshiek County would pay 40% of that same contract; percentages applied after revenue from the townships and Oakland Acres is applied. Behrens stated the current contract with Midwest is for BLS service and has one fully staffed ambulance. They are still working on details of how to staff a second ambulance. Behrens also stated the city offered a 3-year contract with the county instead of the 5-year the city currently has with Midwest. Doty inquired if the contract that has been signed by the city can be amended and Royal Roland inquired if it could be changed to include the rural area. Behrens stated the rural could be added but would need to immediately figure out how to staff the second ambulance. Royal Roland asked if the price of the contract with Midwest would be the same if added rural area. Behrens stated to the best of his knowledge, the contract amount would not increase if added rural area and indicated the cost is housing them in Grinnell but the concern would be staffing the second ambulance.

Roudabush stated the board would offer a 6-month agreement with the city to have Midwest service the townships of Chester, Grant & Washington with the city being paid from taxation received from the townships. The amount would be on a monthly basis and for 6 months would be around \$15,000. This is more than what the city is currently receiving from Jasper County for Midwest to provide service to some Jasper County townships and Oakland Acres, which amount is around \$12,000 per year.

Doty stated that the board offered on two different occasions to pay 23% of the contract and the city declined the offer each time and stated they would just work on a contract with Midwest for coverage for city limits of Grinnell. Doty stated the county has things in motion with the other ambulance services in the county and can't back out now and would offer \$15,000 to cover for a temporary period.

Dawley stated the plan is to have a "fly car" with a paramedic and eventually get an ambulance staffed in Grinnell.

Jennifer Havens with GRMC-Unity Point stated she is familiar with "fly car" and their leader in Marshalltown would be happy to discuss this concept and provide any assistance for Grinnell area and Poweshiek County.

Traci Smith, EPAS explained an ideal vehicle for a "fly car" would be either a SUV or truck in order to get around easier on rural roads. Traci indicated that Grinnell is losing all paramedic service with this new contract. In the past, there has been a paramedic with Midwest and it would tier with other ambulance services, not only in Poweshiek County but also Jasper and Tama Counties. This "fly car" would allow for an ALS service for those areas. Traci further stated that the "fly car" cannot transport but will have equipment and medication to administer.

Tom Kriegel stated he has two trucks that are coming up for trade and he would be happy to assist by selling a truck at trade-in cost to an agency. He stated that it would be equipped with lights and radios.

Royal Roland and Darwin Klenk stated they are not concerned with level of care received but are concerned with the response time in an ambulance arriving.

Royal Roland, Darwin Klenk, Mike Edgington would like to see the county pay Grinnell their asking of 40% of the contract so they will have an ambulance closer.

Dawley stated they have a counter-offer that will be presented to Grinnell City Council and will need to wait for their response. Dawley stated that Montezuma and East Poweshiek take care of their rural area and Grinnell City Council decided to not include their rural area so now the supervisors are trying to make sure those areas have coverage. Dawley stated that the county does not have to offer EMS services but they feel it is essential to have the coverage so are working hard to get that coverage. The county will wait to hear back from Grinnell.

10:55 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

February 10, 2020

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Dianna Longhenry, Recorder and Stacy Strong, Deputy Recorder/IT met with board to provide recorder and IT updates. Stacy discussed her time spent on IT matters. Board asked Stacy to keep a log of her time spent on IT issues and to have quarterly meeting to update the board.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve tax suspension for Matt Stephenson, Parcel #0537700, City of Grinnell, Iowa. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Board recessed to attend the Assessor Conference Board meeting.

10:45 a.m. Board returned and reconvened board meeting.

11:33 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Jason Roudabush, Chairman