

Blount County Emergency Medical Services Board

Blount County Courthouse Room 433

October 19, 2022

10 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Board members absent

Don Stallions, chairman

BCFD Chief Doug McClanahan

AFD Chief Roger Robinson

Sheriff James Berrong

APD Chief David Carswell

MPD/MFD Chief Tony Crisp

Blount County Commissioner Tom Stinnett

Blount County Commissioner Brad Bowers

BEMA Director Lance Coleman

Call to Order by Don Stallions, chairman, at 10:07 a.m.

1. Emergency Announcement
2. Roll Call: Seven voting members were present, making a quorum.
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March of 2022 minutes : Motion to approve made by Tony Crisp, seconded by Robinson and approved by all members.
4. Public Input for items on the agenda: None
5. Discussion and possible action on disbursement of funds received under contract ending June 30, 2022.
 - Stallions said he did not anticipate large quarterly financial penalties since the new contract was put into place. An auditing firm will audit the clinical responses and the time of responses at the end of the contract year and then provide an analysis to the board and at that time any financial penalties will be determined by the board.
 - Board members said this was actually a very good development
 - Stinnett asked if, besides the \$366,974.03 in fines left in the bank account from the last quarter of last year's contract, would there be any other funds left in case of an emergency. Stallions said an addition \$20,000.00 in fine dollars paid by AMR was in the account besides the \$366,974.03. Stallions called for a motion to divide these funds 11 ways to be used for equipment purchases for the 11 first responder agencies in Blount County. Stinnett made the motion and Robinson seconded it.
6. Update on implementation of FirstWatch, FirstPass and Changes to the APCO cards

- Stallions said at this time, there are no fines based on AMR personnel performance since the beginning of the county fiscal year on July 1st.
 - Rodgers explained that their FirstPass software allows them to pull every ticket to every response and determine if the personnel provided the proper clinical response in addition to time of response.
 - Spencer said he liked the FirstPass system because they get “real time” and can see immediately what is going on in the field with real-time feedback.
 - Dr. Roe explained that the cards that E-911 dispatchers and AMR dispatchers are using will be APCO cards that will be more aligned once they are put into service.
7. Update on contract compliance
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the EMS Board
- Stallions gave the board members an opportunity to discuss the future of the board since the new contract would eliminate much of the work the board would do.
 - Board members said they felt it was still important for the board to meet.
 - Stallions asked if the members wished to add Dr. Roe and Blount County E-911 Director Jimmy Long. Crisp made the motion and Stinnett seconded it and the board voted unanimously to invite Roe and Long to be members of the board. Crisp said the county was in a better position now because of the new contract.
 - Stallions said Blount County was the first county in the country to have a contract that is weighted more on performance than on time of response.
 - Stallions adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.