

**COLUMBUS AREA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Friday, November 1, 2019
MINUTES**

Members of the Columbus Area Emergency Medical Services group met in the Columbus Community Center at 161 N Dickason Blvd on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 10 a.m. Members present: City of Columbus – Fire Chief Randy Koehn, Village of Fall River - Jeff Sloten, Town of Elba – Roger Parpart and Jerry Gaska, John Kraus, Town of Calamus, David Liebenthal, Town of Fountain Prairie and Mike Krueger and Chris Orange, Lifestar EMS along with Linda Henning, secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Sloten at 10:00 am.

Notice of agenda posting and determination of a quorum. Agenda was sent to all representatives and posted by the City of Columbus.

Agenda approval – Motion by John Kraus with a second from Roger Parpart to approve of the agenda as posted. Agenda approved

Minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting – motion by Roger Parpart with a second from John Kraus to approve of the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting. Motion approved with all in favor.

Chairman Sloten stated that the Villages of Lowell and Reeseville have inquired regarding joining the Columbus Area EMS group. This would bring approximately one thousand people into the group.

Mike Krueger of Lifestar stated that these two villages would be serviced by the ambulances in Columbus. The two villages generate approximately sixty calls per year. The distance would not be a problem because both villages are a straight route on STH 16 from the Lifestar base. Both villages now are serviced by providers that are a considerably distance away. They cannot afford the assessment that the current provider is proposing. Lifestar would offer them a one year contract at \$18.25/capita. Currently the Columbus Area EMS group pays \$18.65/capita. Lifestar advised that there would be a rebate available to the current Columbus group at the end of 2020.

The one year contract would give the two villages a chance to evaluate whether they would like to continue by joining the group in 2021. The Columbus group contract with Lifestar is up for renewal at the end of 2020. This would align with bringing the two villages into the group at that time. During 2020, the Village of Lowell and the Village of Reeseville will not be a voting member of the group.

Discussion on how the two villages would be brought into the group. It was decided that each municipality should take this proposal to their municipal board for discussion and approval.

The minutes of this meeting, November 1, 2019, should be sent to the municipalities right away, so they are available for each municipalities' monthly board meeting.

Motion by John Kraus with a second from Roger Parpart to offer a temporary contract with Lifestar EMS for one (1) year for ambulance service to the Village of Lowell and the Village of Reeseville with an option to join the Columbus Area EMS group contingent on the approval and recommendation by a majority of the municipal boards in the Columbus Area EMS group. Motion approved with all in favor.

Discussion on an attorney to draft an amendment to the current intergovernmental agreement. All agreed that what attorney to contact for an amendment should be left up to the chairman of the group.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 at 4 pm.

There being no further business, motion made by John Kraus with a second from Roger Parpart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Secretary
Columbus Area EMS Group

UNAPPROVED