

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED
HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN, DARRELL ROGERS
OCTOBER 24,2022**

Present:

Darrell Rogers, Chairman
Dr. Mary Genung, Vice-Chairman
Shannon Burgdorf
Benjamin A. Harris
Don Schmit
Terry Wright

Absent:

Tim Jones

Also Present:

Ben Allen, County Attorney
Jon C. Isbell, County Mayor
Joe McLaughlin, Cottontown Volunteer Fire
David Lawing, Finance Director
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman

Chairman Darrell Rogers called the special called meeting of the Health and Emergency Services Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Hyde on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda. Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Wright, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Recognition of the Public. None

5. Report of the Chairman. Comm. Rogers thanked all the volunteers for their service and hard work fighting fires on this day.

6. Report of the County Mayor. County Mayor John C. Isbell echoed Comm. Rogers appreciation to the volunteers.

7. Report of the Fire Department. Joe McLaughlin of the Cottontown Volunteer Fire Department reported the departments would like to split the \$138,000 allocation evenly between nine departments after the radio user fee is deducted. Each department should receive approximately \$10,216.00.

8. New Business.

- a. Volunteer Fire allocations. – Finance Director David Lawing gave a brief overview of allocations. He explained that the \$138,000.00 has been a yearly allocation, the radio system fee to EMA was \$46,056.00, leaving a balance of \$91,944.00. He further explained there was a one-time

allocation from the debt service fund for \$1,280,834.00 of which \$518,623.00 has been allocated to Highland Volunteer Fire for a new fire truck, leaving a balance of \$762,211.00.

Chairman Rogers opened discussion about the request from Oak Grove Volunteer Fire for an additional building with a cost estimate of \$406,696.00. He informed the Committee that the Resource Authority has agreed to Quitclaim the parcel beside the existing building to the County for the additional building at Oak Grove Volunteer Fire.

After lengthy discussion, Comm. Wright moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to approve TDEC to start the process and move forward with the survey and geotechnical/environmental study on the Resource Authority parcel beside the existing building at Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department, with the request sent to Budget Committee in November. The Committee voted to approve (5-0-1) to move forward with the survey and geotechnical/environmental study on parcel beside Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Rogers abstained from the vote.

It was determined that the departments would provide a wish list to Committee for the remaining funds of the one-time allocation.

Comm. Genung moved, seconded by Comm. Schmit, to approve to allocate \$91,944.00 for division among the departments and forward to Budget Committee. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the \$91,944.00 allocation and forward to Budget Committee.

9. Adjournment. Chairman Rogers declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. upon motion by Comm. Wright and duly seconded.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell