

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**CHAIRMAN, DARRELL ROGERS**  
**DECEMBER 5,2022**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Ben Allen, County Attorney  
John C. Isbell, County Mayor  
David Lawing, Finance Director  
Eric Craddock, Sheriff Chief Deputy  
Ken Weidner, Emergency Management Agency  
Joe McLaughlin, Cottontown Volunteer Fire  
Greg Miller, EMS Chief  
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman  
Jeremy Mansfield, Commissioner

Chairman Rogers called the regular meeting of the Health and Emergency Services Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Hyde on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 1, 2022. Upon motion by Comm. Schmit; seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022. Comm. Genung abstained from the vote.

5. Recognition of the Public. None

6. Report of the Chairman. No report

7. Report of the County Mayor. County Mayor John Isbell reported that the resolution between Roberson County and Sumner County is progressing. County Attorney Ben Allen spoke to this, Robertson County will bring forward to their Commission in December.

8. Report of the Sheriff. Sheriff Chief Deputy Eric Craddock reported on November 2022 financials and calls for service. Mr. Craddock also noted the vacancies within the department.

9. Report of the Fire Department. Joe McLaughlin of the Cottontown Volunteer Fire Department reported 571 calls in November.

10. Report of the Emergency Services Director. Greg Miller, Emergency Medical Services reported 2220 calls in the month of November with \$801,445.85 in revenue. There were 1734 transports for the month. He also included a breakdown of call volume by station. He also explained that Sumner and Robertson County are trying to mirror each other's MOU agreement and waiting on the revision from Robertson County. He further explained that the agreement came about several years ago because there are a lot of areas in the White House area that Robertson County ambulances are closer to and there are areas in the Portland community within Robertson County where Sumner County ambulances are closer.

11. Report of the Emergency Management Agency. Ken Weidner, Director of the Emergency Management Agency reported 2022 grant application for \$125,940.00 which is a 100% non-matching federal grant. He discussed upcoming weather events and reminded everyone of the country ham and sausage breakfast.

12. Report of the Emergency Communications Center. No one present to give report

13. Old Business.

- a. Resolution allowing the counties of Sumner and Robertson to allow for out of county services to better service the citizens and visitors to the area. Chairman Rogers opened discussion and expressed his concern with the strain the growth in those areas has caused on county services. Comm. Hyde stated he only supports the resolution/MOU if a time limit is stated to allow a station/place to house our own ambulance in the White House area to be found. County Attorney Ben Allen explained that the agreement language has been weakened with a ninety day termination notice.

Chief Miller stated it is a reciprocal agreement and if agreement is terminated, Sumner County must immediately set up and staff a station to avoid loss of life. Comm. Hyde asked Chief Miller to add to his report, the number of times Sumner County ambulances respond in other counties and how many times other counties respond in Sumner County.

After discussion, Comm. Hyde moved, seconded by Comm. Genung, to ask Chief Miller to begin gathering information on how to house an ambulance in the White House area. The motion carried unanimously.

14. New Business.

- a. January 223 meeting date – Administration Building closed for holiday.  
Chairman Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to move the January 2023 meeting date to Tuesday, January 3, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
  
- b. Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department.  
Chairman Rogers opened discussion and explained that Budget Committee denied the request but Captain Drown with Oak Grove VFD requested the item be on the agenda. Captain Drown addressed the need for the additional building and stated the Resource Authority has approved to give the needed land to the County, however; must receive land use restrictions from the State/TDEC.

After further discussion, Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Wright, with intent to move forward, through the committee process, with improvements to Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department based on letter from TDEC and deed from Resource Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment. Chairman Rogers declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. upon motion by Comm. Schmit and seconded by Comm. Genung.