

**DELTA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1**

**MINUTES of Regular Monthly Meeting**

**February 27, 2024**

**4:30 P.M. - Court House, ESD Office**

**Members Present: Allen Beeler, Jeter Cherry, Ron Thurman, Bill Choate, and Jacob Vaughn**

**Members Absent:**

**Audience: Brent Smith, Hopkins County Hospital District; via phone and Martha Randle**

1. Called to Order by President, Allen Beeler, at 4:31 PM, CST, followed by Roll Call, with a quorum being established.
2. Brent Smith, EMS Director for Hopkins County Hospital District, joined the meeting via phone to discuss ambulance replacement need and availability due to the recent accident involving Medic 12 which resulted in a total loss of the vehicle. Board members were advised by Smith that he had a 2024 Ford E450 chassis available that he had earlier placed an order for and that due to our immediate need of a replacement ambulance that he was willing to offer this chassis to the Delta County Emergency Services District #1 at the price he had paid. Chassis anticipated arrival early summer. Prior to the board meeting board members had been provided information regarding this chassis. Mr. Smith fielded questions regarding this vehicle and board members were to discuss and get back to Smith with their decision regarding purchase. Mr. Smith left the meeting at this point.
3. Board members discussed details of Item #2 above along with invoice total for the purchase of the chassis as well as anticipated cost of finished ambulance in Fall of 2024. A motion was made by Bill Choate to accept purchase of 2024 Ford E450 chassis from Hopkins County Hospital District for the invoice amount payable now with remainder of ambulance cost when completed anticipated in Fall of 2024. Motion followed with a second by Jacob Vaughn and approved with a 5-0 vote.
4. Board members were given information regarding Texas Association of Counties Insurance total loss settlement amounts on 2014 Chevrolet G4500 Ambulance recently totaled in an accident. Settlement offers consisted of DCESD retaining ownership of salvage vehicle or TAC to pick up vehicle. Following thorough discussion, a motion was made by Ron Thurman to accept TAC settlement payment with TAC picking up vehicle with a second made by Jeter Cherry. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
5. Minutes of the January 23, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and upon motion made by Bill Choate and second by Jeter Cherry, motion carried with a 5-0 vote to approve said minutes.
6. The following Monthly Activity Reports were reviewed, discussed, and accepted:
  - Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) for the month of January, 2024
  - Fire Response Services (Fire Department) for the month of January, 2024
7. The following Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed, discussed, and accepted:
  - Hopkins County Hospital District – Delta County EMS Income Statement for the month of January, 2024
  - Delta County Emergency Services District Income/Expense Finance Report for January, 2024
  - Delta County Emergency Services District #1 Cash & Property Assets Financial Report effective 2/22/24
8. Board members were advised of the need to discuss the request from Delta County Volunteer Fire Department for funding of Active Threat Ballistics vest and helmets which had been tabled at 1/23/24 board meeting until further information was received. Upon discussion of information received and amounts needed, a motion was made by Jeter Cherry to provide the funds for the purchase of the ballistics vest and helmets for quote received, with a second made by Bill Choate. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

9. Board members were advised of the need to discuss the request from Delta County Volunteer Fire Department for assistance in funding Ag Rescue Equipment which had been tabled at 10/24/23 board meeting until further information was received. Upon discussion of information received and additional amount needed from DCESD after fund raiser by Delta County Volunteer Fire Department, a motion was made by Bill Choate to provide the requested funds amount for the purchase of Ag Rescue Equipment, with a second made by Jacob Vaughn. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

10. Board discussed request made by Rodney Jones, Delta County Ambulance Station, for covered employee parking at the ambulance station. Action on this item was tabled on 1/23/24 pending further information. The board again tabled this request due to the need for competitive bids, possible city permits, and further information which was needed.

11. Board members discussed the following general information:

- Contract with Hopkins County Hospital District for Ambulance Service due to renew 11-30-24 and Brent Smith will be getting to work on that in May.
- Mike Ward, CPA, was provided with information to start work on the Audit Report for 10-1-22 to 9-30-23.
- Information about possible Sale of Brush Truck #33 is being gathered by Tanner Crutcher
- Information was shared that TAC does not provide replacement value insurance, so consideration is being made to obtain quotes and coverage information from other Property and Vehicle insurance companies.

12. There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion made by Jeter Cherry and second by Bill Choate, motion carried with a 5-0 vote to adjourn said meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

APPROVED: 3-26-24  
Date

Allen Beeler  
Allen Beeler, President

Prepared by:

Martha Randle  
Martha Randle, Financial Administrative Assistant

With approval of:

Ron Thurman  
Ron Thurman, Board Secretary