

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
July 15, 2020**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Tom Oliva, Stan Moon, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller

ABSENT: Larry Fontanilla, EJ Curry, Lenny Greenstein

EXCUSED: Gary Edwards

GUESTS: Steve Brooks, Tony Kuzma, Anne Benoist, Meredith Hutchins, Scott LaVielle, Mark John

STAFF: Kurt Hardin, Sandra Bush, Ben Miller-Todd, Joy Miller

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chair McPhee called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council (EMSC) to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC – (Kirkbride/Moon) move to approve and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Hardin introduced Daphne Reaves, Senior Office Assistant for Medic One.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – June 17, 2020 (Hambly/Kirkbride) move to approve, and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – July 9, 2020 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Minutes from the July 9th meeting were emailed to council members for review.
- B. **WEST REGION:** WREMS report was emailed to council members for review.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is included in the packet. Hardin highlighted on the following: 1) PPE vigilance; 2) 2020 Fall EMT class; 3) OTEP has resumed with social distancing and decontamination guidelines in place. One change as a result of COVID-19 is the MPD is now requiring 3 cardiac arrest reviews per year, instead of 1 per quarter. 4) Citizen CPR classes have resumed with social distancing in place, and limited hosting sites.
- D. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** No report.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2021 – 2022 Budget – Kurt presented the EMSC Budget Committee recommendation to the council. The presentation included the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar; Budget Terminology; and a Budget Summary which included the 2020 revised budget and the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

The revisions to the 2020 budget included: a reduction of \$45,283 in Admin; a reduction of \$484,426 in ALS; a reduction of \$106,776 in BLS; and a reduction of \$70,000 in ER&R. A special note was made that reductions in 2020 will carry over to 2021 and 2022.

Overall, there is an 8.7% reduction in budget from 2020 – 2022 (\$14.3 mil, down to \$13 mil). The reduction is mostly driven by the Medic One fund balance going down.

(Kirkbride/Hambly) move to approve that the EMSC recommends to the Thurston County BoCC to adopt the 2021-2022 budget, and this carried.

- B. ALS Contract Renewal – (Hambly/Moon) move to approve that the EMSC recommends the 2021-2022 ALS contract renewal to the Thurston County BoCC, and this carried.
- C. 2020 Budget Update – Hardin presented the 2020 changes to the budget, which are noted above in item A.
- D. Levy Ballot Committee – Hardin presented for the Ballot Measure Committee, which included some historical background on the Medic One levy, as well as options for a levy restoration. Options included: 1) Renew permanent levy – first year 50 cents per one thousand and then capped at 101% collection, requires simple

majority, and voter reauthorization not required; 2) Establish a 6 year levy – millage is 50 cents per thousand for 6 years, requires super majority of 60%, and after 6 years voter reauthorization is required; 3) Establish 10 year levy – same conditions as 6 year levy, except every 10 years.

Ballot Measure timelines include: 1) November 2020 at a cost of \$65,000. August 4th is the final date for the BoCC to adopt a resolution. 2) Special Election 2021 at a cost of \$205,000. This would require 40% validation of previous general election. 3) Primary Election 2021 at a cost of up to \$205,000, depending on number of ballot measures. 40% validation of previous general election would be required.

After discussion on a permanent levy vs. a 6-year vs. a 10-year, Hardin asked for the council to send him what additional information they will need to decide on the type of levy. He will share this information with the Levy Ballot Committee and present it at the next EMSC meeting.

(Kirkbride/Ricks) move to recommend to the Thurston County BoCC to place a Medic One levy on the August 2021 primary election ballot, and this carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Special Project Applications – VanCamp reported: The Special Project Committee was represented of Tony Kuzma, Chief Scott LaVielle and Chief Mark John, with Tony Kuzma as Chair. There was a budget of \$10,000, and just under \$17,000 in requests were received from 6 agencies. After careful review the committee recommended approving full allowable funding for 4 of the agencies, and the remaining \$744 from the \$10,000 budget for 1 of the agencies. District 1's request was not allowed because the radios they requested funding for will not be used once TCOMM has their new radios in place. District 1 will work with TCOMM for surplus radios. This information was presented to the Operations Committee and they approved recommending it to the EMSC. (Hambly/Fay) move to approve the Special Project requests, and this carried.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Chair McPhee said there will not be an August meeting. 2) Hardin informed the council that Commissioner Edwards did not attend the meeting today because of the budget recommendations needed from the council for the BoCC.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Fay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:51.