

**Thurston County Medic One
Emergency Medical Services Council – Regular Meeting
Virtual – Zoom Meeting
March 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Cindy Hambly, Frank Kirkbride, John Ricks, Eileen Swarthout, Renata Rollins, Sheila Fay, Paul Perz, Brian VanCamp, Margaret McPhee, Harry Miller, Stan Moon, Gary Edwards, Wayne Fournier, Lenny Greenstein

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Larry Fontanilla

GUESTS: Shawn Crimmins, Tony Kuzma, Steve Brooks

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 – The agenda was amended as follows: Add Item F to Old Business, COVID-19 Update, and Item G to Old Business, Ambulance Ordinance. (Greenstein/Ricks) move to approve the agenda as amended, and this carried.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. EMS COUNCIL – February 17, 2021 (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to approve and this carried.
- B. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – March 4, 2021 (informational only)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** VanCamp reported: 1) The Training Advisory Committee continues to evaluate the online OTEP program. 2) Ambulance Ordinance was discussed – this is on today's agenda, under Old Business. 3) Spring EMT class has begun, with a hybrid mix. 4) COVID-19 vaccination update was provided – this is on today's agenda, under Old Business. 5) BLS funding allocations were provided, for 2021. 6) Kathy Pace retired and is being replaced by Mindy Churchwell.
- B. **WEST REGION:** Kirkbride reported: 1) The proposed change to min/max was approved. 2) There was a DMCC (Disaster Medical Control Center) presentation, by the DMCC Coordinator. 3) There was a presentation of the draft Strategic Plan for 2021-2023. 4) Anne Benoist is retiring and there is no replacement yet.
- C. **STAFF REPORT:** Staff report is available on the website. [Thurston County | Medic One | Committee Meeting Information \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/committees/medic-one). Kurt also mentioned that the spring EMT class started March 15th, with 11 students enrolled. Class is scheduled to end in June.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Nominations Committee – Fay reported: Stan Moon was nominated for Chair, Lenny Greenstein and Frank Kirkbride were nominated for Vice-Chair. Due to an anticipated busy schedule over the next year with strategic planning, Kirkbride withdrew his nomination. Hardin provided an outline for election procedurals.
- B. EMSC Officer Election – With no further nominations for Chair, (Kirkbride/Greenstein) move to elect Stan Moon, and this carried. With no further nominations for Vice-Chair (Kirkbride/Ricks) move to elect Lenny Greenstein, and this carried.
- C. Levy Lid Lift Update – Hardin reported: March 23rd the BoCC will consider a public hearing for April 13th, and a draft resolution has been prepared for the ballot measure. If this goes forward, it is required to be in the Auditor's office by May 14th.
- D. Budget Committee Update – Hardin reported: Last year, due to the pandemic, the budget was in flux, so the BoCC decided to change the budget cycle from bi-annual to annual. This year the BoCC is considering going back to a bi-annual cycle, and a decision is expected by the end of this month. The budget committee is preparing a bi-annual budget because a budget can always be tossed if needed. The budget committee will finalize the budget in May, brief the EMSC in June, and the EMSC will make a recommendation to the BoCC in July. We are required to submit the budget to the County in August.
- E. Rescind ALS Fund Policy – Last month staff presented the EMSC with a request to rescind the ALS Fund Policy. The ALS Fund Policy was a "gap measure" during contract negotiations with the ALS agencies. (Hambly/Perz)

move to approve rescinding the ALS Fund Policy, and this carried.

- F. COVID-19 Update – Hardin provided an update to the vaccination process. As of last week, Thurston County has received additional doses. This has increased the number of vaccine clinics, and the number of vaccines administered each day (up to 1,000 per day). EMTs are being utilized to administer vaccines.
- G. Ambulance Ordinance – At last month's EMSC meeting, staff presented a proposal from the Operations Committee to change the semi-annual Ops review of the ordinance to an annual review. The Prosecuting Attorney's office said this would need to go before the BoCC and a public hearing would need to be scheduled. Staff recommends waiting to change the ordinance until there is a more substantial change.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

- VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER** – 1) Fire Commissioner Dan Bivens has been appointed by the Fire Commissioners Association as Stan Moon's alternate to the EMSC, for Districts 6, 8 & 12. 2) Moon gave thanks to Chair McPhee for her years of service as Chair on the EMSC.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:12.