

Commissioners & County Council

Joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Pineview Government Center

Commissioner Meeting Room, Suite 104

2524 Corydon Pike

Al Knable called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Present: Commissioners – Full quorum

Council – Full Quorum

Also Present: Attorneys, Rick Fox and Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Treasurer, Steve Burks; Recorder, Lois Endris and Sheriff, Steve Bush

Topic

1. EMS Discussion Continued

Al Knable read Option 7 in to the record.

Option 7: Whole County Coverage- Transitioning into Fire-based (or County-based) EMS:

2 year and 7 month contracts would be entered into with AmeriPro AND with HFPD with the following provisions:

“Option 2” (Two (2) ALS 24/7 units and one (1) ALS Quick Response Vehicle) serviced by AmeriPro would be utilized as the primary service provider County-wide for the first 7 months of these contracts (June-December 2024), allowing adequate time to further explore the possibility of a holistic and unified EMS system whether it be fire-based, county-based, or out-sourced; whether it be county-wide or fire district-centric.

Additionally, during the last 7 months of 2024, HFPD would serve as a secondary service provider for EMS services within HFPD and, as such, would receive monthly stipend beginning on June 01, 2024 to allow them to optimally bring services online within their district for 2025 and beyond.

For years two (2025) and three (2026) of these contracts, “Option 5” would be implemented as previously proposed (ie. AmeriPro providing two (2) ambulances 24/7 (New Albany, Georgetown, and Franklin Townships only) with a monthly subsidy of \$82,250.00 and HFPD providing one (1) ambulance 24/7 & one-half (½) ambulance 5 days a week, 10 hr/day for Lafayette and Greenville Townships with a monthly subsidy of \$33,333.33.)

Note: formal Mutual Aid Agreements between AmeriPro and HFPD are expected to be established before January 01, 2025.

Remaining 7 months of 2024: AmeriPro @ \$78,083.00/month; HFPD @ \$33,333.33/month → \$111,416.33/month (\$779,914.31 through 2024)

Years two (2025) and three (2026): AmeriPro @ \$82,250.00/month; HFPD @\$33,333.33/month → \$115,583.33/month (\$1,386,999.96 annually)

Total through 2026: \$3,553,914.23

(Note vs. \$3,965,427 for AmeriPro “option 1” for 2 years and 7 months.)

Points to note:

- HFPD ordinance has already been amended to allow for provision of EMS services; remaining fire district ordinances will be reviewed for similar revision soon.
- Legacy Foundation met and agreed to one time request of \$500,000 to help fund these efforts for the citizens of Floyd County
- Both contracts, and obligations imposed therein, shall remain in force through the end of 2026 unless ALL contractual parties agree to dissolve the contracts.
- HFPD contract shall not go into effect until funds have been appropriated for AmeriPro contract.
- HFPD contract shall be nullified in the event that funds are not appropriated annually for AmeriPro for duration of contract.
- Going forward: EMS Task Force will be formed comprised of President of Commissioners (or designee); Commissioner's attorney; President of County Council (or designee); Council's attorney; President of each fire district board (or designee); attorney from each fire district board. Goal of task force shall be to meet at least thrice before the end of August, 2024 and present its findings as to a direction for EMS services within Floyd County to a joint meeting of the Commissioners and Council by October 01, 2024.

Connie Moon said she wants to be sure that, per the RFP, that all units, both Ameripro and Highlander, are going to have the GPS that was requested. She asked if the provider will be transporting deceased at no additional charge to the county. She asked Rick Fox regarding the legality of the process and also a taxing district paying another taxing district for basically a mutual aid agreement but they are only going to cover their own district. She also reminded them that Franklin Township has no Fire District and if they want Franklin Township representation on the EMS Task Force.

Al Knable said he will take her questions into consideration as they go through the contracts.

Jason Sharp said Franklin Township should have representation on the Task Force, either the Trustee or his designee.

A special Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 at 3:00pm for the appropriations of funds with a backup date of May 30.

The appropriations will be at least \$810,000.00. There is approximately \$128,000.00 left in the EMS budget and \$500,000.00 from Legacy Foundation. It has not been determined where the balance will come from.

A separate fund will be set up to pay EMS.

Connie Moon asked if the Commissioners could use some of the money set aside for Internet. She said the County is paying Highlander Fire for service that just covers their district.

Al Knable said he would like a consensus vote once the contract has been created before moving forward with signing.

A Joint Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 10:00am to get a vote of confidence from the Council. If the contract isn't ready there will be a meeting Tuesday, May 21 at 4:00pm.

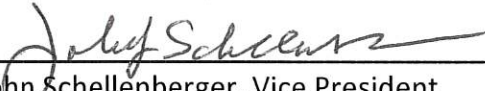
Motion to adjourn. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Jason Sharp. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved the 25th day of June, 2024

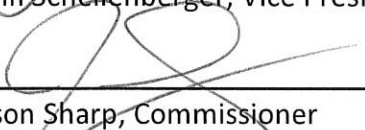
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Al Knable, President



John Schellenberger, Vice President



Jason Sharp, Commissioner

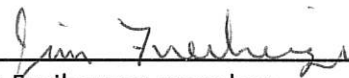
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Danny Short, President

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Connie Moon, Vice President



Dale Bagshaw, member



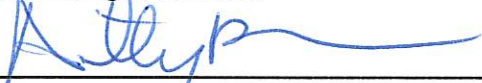
Jim Freiberger, member



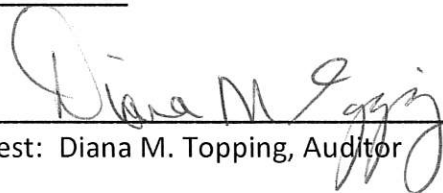
Denise Konkle, member



Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member



Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor