

**Floyd County Council
Special Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2024
3:00 P.M.
Pineview Government Center
Commissioners Meeting Room #104**

**Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*
Roll Call – Full Quorum**

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush; Recorder, Lois Endris and Treasurer, Steve Burks

Public

New Business

1. Floyd County Council-EMS Funding

Recap of Funding Sources:

\$500,000.00 Legacy Foundation

\$128,333.35 Remainder of current EMS budgeted amount

\$152,373.71 Source to be determined

\$780,707.06 Amount needed for the remainder of 2024

a. Request for New Line Items

4000-000-3000-01 AmeriPro

4000-000-3000-02 Highlander Fire District

Motion to approve 1a & b, as advertised. The remaining amount of \$152,373.71 from Hospital Fund 9119-000-3000-09 for \$150,759.62 and the remaining balance of \$1,614.09 to come out of the EMS line in the interest fund. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Tony Toran. Motion passed 5-2. Danny Short and Connie Moon opposed.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: EMS Services Non-Reverting Fund

Fund Balance: \$628,333.35

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4000	000	3000	01	AmeriPro	\$ 546,581.00	\$ 546,581.00
4000	000	3000	02	Highlander Fire District	\$ 234,126.06	\$ 234,126.06

				Total	\$ 780,707.06	\$
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Connie Moon asked if everyone understands there is no way out of the contract if Highlander is in breach of contract anytime from June 1 through the end of two years and seven months.

She stated that, according to a new article, that the EMS Advisory Board had two persons on it with direct interest and direct benefit from the Highlander contract.

Dale Bagshaw said it bothers him that one taxing unit is giving a lot of money to another taxing unit. However the Commissioners made the contracts and it's his job of this body to find a way to fund the contracts.

Brad Striegel said he thinks it is a good opportunity to give fire based EMS time to shine in our community. He asked everyone to keep an open mind to see it work for the community and a place to build from this in years to come. He said Highlander Fire Protection District got their ALS certification. He said it is not uncommon for some taxing units to give money to another taxing unit for an asset or a service. He believes that the Fire-based model will look back and be judged to be a successful thing. And if it's not, it will not be on the backs of of the men and women that provide the service but be because local elected officials got in the way and cause it not to succeed.

Jim Freiburger said he had a live experience when a neighbor had an emergency and Highlander Fire got there more than 3 minutes earlier than New Chapel. The 3 minutes could be critical and is why he supports Highlander Fire.

Danny Short asked how a local elected official can impede Highlander EMS at this point considering the approved contract. They have every opportunity to do what they say they are going to do and we have no way to hold them accountable at this point.

Public

Sheriff, Steve Bush, said his office has been working with AmeriPro and Highlander Fire District to ensure a smooth transition come June 1 from a dispatching standpoint.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Tony Toran. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes approved on 6-11-24.

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



Danny Short, President



Connie Moon, Vice President




Dale Bagshaw, member




Jim Freiberger, member



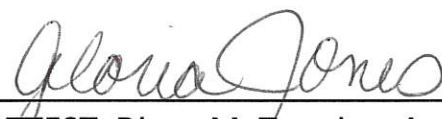
Denise Konkle, member



Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member



ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor
Gloria Jones Chief Deputy Auditor