

Upper Scioto Valley Ambulance District Board Meeting
February 26, 2025 6:00 PM Alger, Ohio

APPROVAL OF MEDICAL SUPPLY ORDER:

Motion to Approve: Shane Hites 2nd: Heather Bushong

Roll Call - all In favor

Motion passed.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK

Noted that it is time to file year end payroll reports. The first payment of the ambulance was made by check and mailed by USPS express mail. USPS did not mail the payment as it was supposed to and could not figure out what happened to it. I then went to the bank and sent the payment by wire transfer.

It was noted that the minutes should contain more content.

Notes from the Chief:

New meeting for the bids for construction of the new building will be held February 10th at 2:00 p.m. Hire a new full time employee to replace one that is leaving.

Meet was opened to public discussion

Elizabeth Sherman expressed the need for a centralized building.

Angela Zapp agreed with the need for a centralized building stating that it takes too long to get to the Rounhead area.

Adam Gratz also expressed the need for a centralized building and had concerns that there was missinformation about the situation. He mentioned situations where people would drive theiirself to the hospital because the EMS was to far.

Holly Detweller express that the EMS service should be fair & equal to the whole district

Jason Aldridge brought up concerns about the financial implications if the new levy failed. Brice Beaman explained how the PILOT payment works with tax milage.

Chief Helton gave updates to why a new building is needed including limited space in the current building which does not meet state regulatlons.

Deb Metzger raised concerns of having a better way to get information out to the community. Posting information at the post office was suggested along with posting online as much as possible.

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Motion to purchase a recording device for \$250 with a secure storage place:

Motion to approve: James Summa 2nd: Shane Hites

Roll Call - all in favor

Motion passed.

An invitation was extended to the EMS Chief and Shane to come to Alger Council meetings to speak and to help with transparency issues about what all is going on in the district.

Attorney John Neville was asked to look into whether the McGuffey Council meeting to appoint Heather Bushong to the EMS board was in violation of the Open Meeting Act Section 121.22.

Attorney John Neville was asked to investigate a public bid notice to see if it violates "chaining" laws and avoiding prevailing wages.

A recommendation was made to separate board policies from the employee handbook to improve clarity and accessibility.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion to approve: James Summa 2nd: Shane Hites

Roll Call - all in favor

Motion passed.
