

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ambulance District Meeting

December 7, 2020

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Rick Ellis, Commissioner; Kaylee Bollar, Deputy Clerk for Minutes.

2:51pm Chairman Wood opened the meeting.

Stryker Agreement- Purchase of heart monitors.

Clerk Farnworth presented the agreement for 2 heart monitors. We received \$6,000 for first grant. Clerk Farnworth applied for preapproval for Cares grant for the rest of the amount due.

Quote shows 4 years of support. Had to be prorated to one year, has not received approval.

Chairman Wood asked what the payment would be. Payment will be \$6,000 a year per agreement.

Marc Essary is on the phone. He is looking into other grant options in case they do not approve the cares grant. Through smaller grants there is money in ambulance account to make 1st years payment. Will have to budget and explore other grant options for future years.

Commissioner Hubert 5 years so \$55,000 in total. Clerk Farnworth put in a grant request for the for the rest.

Cardiac Units look at heart rhythm. Take BP, oxygen in blood or deliver shocks. They will be able send the hospital the EKG which could expedite patient care from field. Could transmit the EKG to the hospital before the crew leaves the scene. Monitor will flag a heart attack. Crew will know to call in heart attack. Essential feature.

Commissioner Hubert asked if the crew will be able to administer anything onsite to help them. Triglyceride can be administered on site. It really helps to alert that patient is having a heart attack right now so if they need to life flight the patient or get the hospital set up.

Commissioner Hubert asked if they have that equipment on the helicopters. They have a similar model but not the same.

Joann Rutler asked about the Verizon data plan one year in the description. Is this required.

Yes, it could require a data plan. It is in the paperwork. Ambulance phone and ME phone are through Verizon so those phones are covered already.

Commissioner Hubert requested unless a grant is approved, he wants to do more research to see if these are really needed and what more could be done.

No one on our crew is a paramedic. So if someone is having a heart attack in Richfield and the weather is bad then the crew would need to stop in Jerome to get a paramedic on board to assist the patient.

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Down payment is covered and 1st year is covered. If the 2nd year is not covered by grants it would need to be built into the budget. Can apply through EMS bureau for equipment that isn't used and it could go to these monitors.

Clerk Farnworth said there are other counties who have been pre-approved for this grant for these monitors. Need to purchase by the end of the month to qualify for the grant.

Commissioner Hubert would like to have an approval before he makes a decision.

Chairman Wood- Do you expect this to go up? Marc Essary- it could. Could purchase 3 monitors for \$10,000 payments. These monitors are not going to get cheaper. This package is going to include batteries and chargers and other options.

Commissioner Hubert commented that would take budget up several hundred % from the last several years.

Clerk Farnworth- Don't know when they will have an approval. Can wait another week or so.

Marc Essary- These are new monitors, not refurbished. You get what you pay for with used. Could try and find refurbished for a little less cause. Worst case seniero- could function with what is in the courthouse that do not tell anything about heart rhythms or heart beats, just if a person needs shocked. Not his advice but it is an option.

Chairman Wood- wants to have good equipment. Commissioner Hubert wants to wait until a hopeful pre-approval is in by the 21st.

Commissioner Hubert- ask if they could increase the deadline for a few weeks rather than the end of this month.

Clerk Farnworth- Cannot go passed 31st of December because of the CARES grant.

Joann Rutler mentioned this was a rental form. Do we own at the end of 5 years? That part of the plan is discussed in the paperwork. Marc Essary- At the end of 5 years we would own them. Or we could trade them in if something newer comes up.

Clerk Farnworth- won't hear by the 11th. If she knows anything before it could be on the agenda before the 21st.

Salary Rate approval forms. Signed by all commissioners

3:17 Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Kaylee Bollar, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest;



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk