

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

3/8/2023

6:30 PM

After Chairman Holkenbrink called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BEARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAYTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BLADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEUERMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOLKENBRINK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DISCUSS AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS

Holkenbrink stated that there were 3 ambulance crews in the County until last Sept 1st. Toledo is now subsidizing Greenup and Neoga for runs. He would like to see 3 crews again. This is a safety factor.

Heuerman stated Greenup would like to have 2 crews if the referenda goes thru and they have the manpower.

Should Toledo start up or subsidize Greenup and Neoga?

Kyle presented figures he had received from 911 on the number of runs in the last 2 years. Average of 372 calls per year. If \$250.00 made per run plus tax they would still be short to cover payroll of 6 Basics.

An audience member asked-Has anyone done a comparison on response time?

Tania Craig stated that Toledo used to have a 3-minute response time on in town calls.

Has a 12-month forecast been done?

Does Toledo Ambulance currently have a loan? NO

Mike Black told of response time to Ron Black's house from Neoga was 24-25 minutes. In the past Toledo was there in 10 minutes. He spoke on how much was paid last month to Greenup and Toledo which is the most cost-effective service; timely-no.

Bob Sponsel said there was a call on the Interstate for Greenup and Neoga when a 3rd call came in there was no coverage.

Toledo Fire is not interested in taking over the ambulance

The Village of Greenup has agreed to give Greenup Fire \$150,000 annually

Kaye stated that we need oversight, there is no transparency; we could have an auxiliary Greenup site in Toledo.

Tania Craig asked what is transparency?

Beard stated that what we are doing now is cheaper but not timely.

Bob Swearingen stated that if the Fire dept wants to pay full-time employees the County would be hurting.

Kaye passed out graph showing the average billing per runs.

Billie Chambers stated that no money has been stolen and she doesn't appreciate the Kaye's coming into her business "screaming about it"

Kenny Keyser has a problem with how Jonathan attempted to contact him.

Clair Kaye stated that from Sept 1 – Jan 31 there were 79 runs from 911 records

Swearingen stated that all calls go thru 911

Jonathan stated that Toledo Ambulance did not apply for any grants during COVID

Mike Black said we need to worry about today not the past.

Beard asked if they had hired anyone yet. Not yet; but interviewed 5 last night and 2 tomorrow and 3 at a later date. Toledo Ambulance is willing to take the burden; what will oversight benefit

DISCUSS AMENDED CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Holkenbrink discussed the sections that were amended.

It was asked why have Toledo Ambulance as a middle man if Greenup has 2 ambulances

Heuerman doesn't want to make any decisions until after the April election

DISCUSS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA TAX ABATEMENT

To get the .22 and .16 we need to levy an amount higher then the computer will only pay the max.

Justin Osland stated that the County Board can't put the debt on Bob and Billie personally; what do you board members think?

Blade hates to see them sign loans

Swearingen stated that they were required to have a line of credit

Layton stated that you can't put money on a life, time is life. It is not feasible, but we need a service that can make timely runs

Beard asked why can't Toledo Fire take over

Mike Black asked the board to accept the amended contract and to have provisions in place for the tax increase

Heuerman stated that he voted to abate because he did not have the facts

It was asked if the Toledo Ambulance chose Mike Black to be on the commission- NO they did not

Holkenbrink nominated him and it was voted down the first time

Carrie Verdeyen wanted to publicly thank Billie, Wes and Bob for signing the loans for the Ambulance

A Motion was made by Choose an item. and seconded by Choose an item. to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
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Motion Carried				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Motion Lost				<input type="checkbox"/>

Beverly Howard
Beverly Howard, County Clerk

Floyd Holkenbrink
Floyd Holkenbrink, Board Chairman
