

HEARING FOR PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS 4 & 5

9/15/2025

7:00 PM

After Chairman Holkenbrink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT		PRESENT	ABSENT
BLADE	☒	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	WENTE	☒	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐

CHAIRMAN HOLKENBRINK:

EXPLAIN WHAT THE HEARING IS ABOUT-Proposing to create special service areas 4 and 5. The special service area is a taxing district, the taxes collected will be for emergency ambulance service. Area 4 is Springpoint twp east of the Montrose Blacktop to be serviced by Toledo and Area 5 is the remainder of Springpoint twp west of the blacktop to be serviced by Neoga. The state regulates how an ambulance service is to be ran. After the close of the hearing electors and land owners have 60 days to sign a petition objecting to the creation. 60 days from 9/15 is 11/14.

OPEN THE FLOOR FOR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Darin Deters-area 5 spoke in opposition. He can call a private ambulance service if needed. With the max rate at \$.40 and the board saying they will tax the same as Neoga's rate, he is afraid they will raise it to \$.40 in the near future. What guarantee is there that Neoga will not request \$.40.

Knueppel and Brandenburg stressed that \$.40 is the max rate and that is what the other SSA's and Greenup are.

Alan Baker asked that whoever distributes the petitions to be truthful when explaining. He spoke to Rural Med and they can't guarantee a response time if individuals call them. They have 3 ambulances and 1 is usually out on transports. Area ambulances are usually called for mutual aid. The tax rate is currently \$.12 down from \$.19 in 2005. Alan would be happy with a county wide service.

Janine Dittamore-asked why 51% objecting instead of 51% in favor. In a recent accident on I-70 why wasn't Toledo there?

Todd Beard-stated that the Toledo ambulance staff walked off the job a couple of years ago. Toledo is a private company. How will Toledo handle the extra area; will they increase staff? This is just a money grab like JB Pritzker.

Dan Deters- the assessors' office stated that farm ground values will keep going up. Why does a 911 call near Sigel go to Christian County?

Linus Schumaker-asked what is the boards responsibility?

Layton responded with making sure the residents are safe by providing ambulance, fire and police.

Mike Walk-wanted to know how many calls Neoga makes to Springpoint twp in a years' time. Baker did not know but said they will have 800 calls this year in total.

Sigel is charged an out of district fee

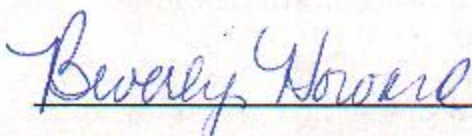
Aaron Beard stated that Greenup voted on referendum for ambulance

Jonathan Kaye-former board and SSA member-stated that there was a non-binding question asking if the residents in the SSA wanted the Toledo Fire dept to take over the ambulance service. The board is just putting burden of central district on Springpoint. He thinks funding should be stopped so that the fire dept will be forced to take it over.

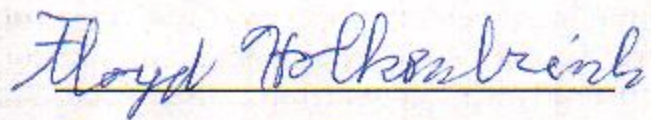
Todd Beard-put it on the ballot

A Motion was made by Blade and seconded by Knueppel to adjourn the hearing at 7:53 pm.

	Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay		Aye	Pass	Abstain	Nay
BLADE	☒	☐	☐	☐	KNUEPPEL	☒	☐	☐	☐
BRANDENBURG	☒	☐	☐	☐	WENTE	☒	☐	☐	☐
LAYTON	☒	☐	☐	☐	HOLKENBRINK	☒	☐	☐	☐
Motion Carried				☒	Motion Lost				☐



Beverly Howard, County Clerk



Floyd Holkenbrink, Board Chairman