

**Vermillion County Commissioners**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Commissioner's Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse

- I. Roll Call. The Commissioners convened in a special meeting on July 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Call to Order. Members present were President Tim Wilson, Harry Crossley, Tim Yocum, First Deputy Auditor Stephanie Simpson and County Attorney Jon Spurr.
- III. 9:00 a.m. VCEMS. The Commissioners met with Paul Lee of Vermillion County EMS. Tim Wilson asked Lee if using a chase vehicle would affect the cost of his proposal, and Lee said it would make it considerably cheaper. Tim Yocum asked Lee how dispatch is handled. Lee said that the current approach relieves the staff at the jail. They get a call, transfer it to us, and they're out of it. Tonya Lewis asked if the reason Paul Lee's proposal was higher was because of having paramedics at both locations as well as dispatch service, and he said it was. Lee said in a county this long he doesn't see how a single chase vehicle would work. Yocum asked how many additional people Lee would have to hire and he said he expected to add 8 to his current staff of 28 full and part-time employees. Tim Wilson asked Lee to submit a new proposal including a chase vehicle.
- IV. 10:00 a.m. Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance, Inc. The Commissioners met with Eric Shaugnessey of Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance, Inc. Wilson asked him if his price would be higher if paramedics were stationed with the ambulances, rather than using a chase vehicle. Shaugnessey said the price would be the same. Wilson asked Shaugnessey what level of staffing would be used for drivers. Shaugnessey said drivers for paramedic service must be at least advanced EMTs, he said first responders can be used as drivers for advanced level service. Wilson asked Shaugnessey how he would handle dispatch, and he said emergency calls would go thru the sheriff's department and transfer calls would be handled by the company. Wilson asked Shaugnessey how current Vermillion County EMS employees would be treated if they applied to work for Edgar County. Shaugnessey stated that anyone would be able to apply, but they would have to pass the required background checks, physicals and drug screens. He stated that if they can meet our specifications, they would offer them a position.  
There was some discussion on the dispatching of the ambulance, Sheriff Mike Phelps was unable to attend due to illness but he stated in a text that he had spoken with Lee a few months ago, and told him that they want to tone them like they do fire

departments, and their dispatch can direct the ambulance from there. He also stated they would like to know when they are on scene, when they leave, what hospital they're transporting to and when they are back available.

Wilson stated that he would like to see proposals for advanced level service that were in the range of \$300,000 for the first year, \$325,000 for the second and \$350,000 for the third year. He asked both companies to see if they could meet those figures, and submit proposals by Tuesday's Commissioners meeting.

V. Adjourn. A motion was made by Harry Crossley to adjourn, and seconded by Tim Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

Read in full and approved by the Vermillion County Commissioners on the 8th day of August, 2017.

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Tim Wilson

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Harry Crossley

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Tim Yocum

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Amy Tolbert, Auditor