

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2023 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:

Tyson Riggleman, President
Scotty Miley, Commissioner
Kevin Hagerty, Commissioner

Michelle Sites, Administrator

1) Call to Order

President Riggleman called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2) Bobby Funk & Jeremy Hottinger, Grant County Ambulance, to discuss the transition of EMS coverage and personnel in Grant County.

Commissioner Riggleman stated that the Commission will not be voting on anything today. The EMS employees came to the Commissioners that they did not like transports. When WVU was taking over Grant Memorial Hospital the Commissioner's goal was to get rid of transports to help the EMS staff. Legal counsel has been contacted throughout this process of meetings and organizations. The reorganization must include interviewing all employees including management, full time and part time. We currently do not have a levy or fee. There is a grant that they are trying to be awarded for building an ambulance building at Mt. Storm for 24 hour coverage.

Alicia Reel appeared before the Commission with a financial update. A budget for Grant County Ambulance was started in the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Over the years the initial budget for general county and coal severance combined was \$10,118,051.00. Budget revisions that were added to the original budget was \$5,214,910.00 making the total revised budget \$15,332,961.00. The total expenditures paid to date through August 2023 was \$9,386,556.44. The total revenue brought in to date was \$4,931,347.94. The difference over the last eight years is a loss of \$4,455,208.50. Covid monies spent for the Grant County Ambulance was \$321,388.93.

Bobby Funk appeared before the Commission and stated that 911 calls bring in more than transports do. Commissioner Riggleman recapped the report for September 1, 2022 through September 1, 2023 for 911 calls and transports. There was a total of 1,063 911 calls and 633 transports.


Jeremy Hottinger appeared before the Commission with concerns of the restructure. Mr. Hottinger and Mr. Funk presented two proposals to the Commissioners.

- Proposal A will be all full time employees and no part time employees and includes all their scheduled transports. There will be one crew in Petersburg 24 hours a day and one crew in Mt. Storm 12 hours a day then they will go to Petersburg with no lapse in coverage. The final figure for Proposal A is \$860,136.50.
- Proposal B will include three chase medics, twelve EMT's, Bobby Funk and Jeremy Hottinger. The final figure for Proposal B is \$1,024,246.24.

Citizens of Grant County appeared before the Commission regarding their concerns about the reorganization of Grant County Ambulance and the transition of EMS coverage and personnel.

3) Adjourn

A Motion was made to adjourn. **MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved**



PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

9/26/23
DATE APPROVED



CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION