

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the  
Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board  
June 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Emergency Medical Service Board was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on June 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Present in person were Ed Michael, George Dallaire, Troy Gaither, and Ron Lehman. Absent was Brad Norton. Also present in person were the Board's attorney Marvin Abshire and Director Doug Hall.

Ed Michael called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was review and approval of minutes from the April 16, 2024, regular meeting. It is noted that the May 21, 2024, meeting was cancelled. Ron Lehman moved, and George Dallaire seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Director Doug Hall updated the Board as follows:

1. Three trucks are having air conditioning problems, including the new one.
2. The new EMS Linton station is slated for completion on September 1, 2024.
3. One bariatric truck is in production to replace E2.
4. Jeff LeCocq has been advised that GCAS should receive the other three trucks by the end of the year.
5. E2 truck has 262,000 miles.
6. Revenue for April 2024 was \$146,146.10.
7. Revenue for May 2024 was \$134,325.46
8. GCAS had 391 calls and 297 transports in the month of April 2024.
9. GCAS had 397 calls and 318 transports in the month of May 2024.
10. Medicaid cost reimbursement is anticipated to be around \$43K.
11. Greene County Foundation awarded \$7,200.00 for IV pumps. The ask was around \$14,000.00.
12. No major repairs were reported.

Doug Hall circulated a preliminary draft of the 2025 Budget that is due to the Auditor on June 28, 2024. Doug noted not much changed from last year, but he did budget for another ambulance. Doug also noted the community paramedic grant ends at the end of 2024. There are remaining grant funds and Doug has asked for an extension. There is enough money in the current budget to cover the salary for a community paramedic for another year. When the grant ends, GCAS gets to keep the

equipment if the grant is not extended. The board suggested adding the community paramedic salary to the 2025 budget.

Doug Hall presented six hardship applications for consideration. The board addressed each request separately as follows:

Kathy Brown requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$1,440.51 plus court costs with no supporting documentation provided. Marvin Abshire noted in November 2022, Ms. Brown signed an agreed judgment after it went to collection. George Dallaire moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to deny the hardship exemption due to an incomplete application. The motion passed 4-0.

George Case requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$2,668.00. After review, George Dallaire moved, and Troy Gaither seconded, to approve the hardship exemption request. The motion passed 4-0.

Jessica Cassel requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$4,048.00. During discussion, it was noted that the applicant was involved in a 2023 motor vehicle accident and the statute of limitation has not run out for a potential personal injury suit. Troy Gaither moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to table the hardship exemption request. The motion passed 4-0.

Elvin Ebersole requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$798.00. After review, Ron Lehman moved, and George Dallaire seconded, to deny the application. The motion passed 4-0.

Debra Vaughn requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$782.00. The required documentation was incomplete. It was further noted that it appears the entire amount was written off in December 2020. George Dallaire moved, and Troy Gaither seconded, to deny the application. The motion passed 4-0.

Allistair Wilson requested a hardship exemption in the amount of \$2,304.00. After review, Troy Gaither moved, and Ron Lehman seconded, to table the hardship exemption request until insurance information can be obtained and possibly negotiate a payment plan. The motion passed 4-0.

In other business, Ron Lehman noted he was tasked as a County Council representative to address various complaints relating to GCAS payroll clerk by asking a few questions. Ron asked if the employee shops for the GCAS during office hours. The answer was “yes”. Ron then asked if this is part of the job description. Marvin Abshire noted if the employee is shopping under the direction of the Director, it would be covered in the job description under “other duties as may be assigned”. Next, Ron asked if travel time/mileage should be turned in more frequently than once a year. The board agreed it didn’t matter as long as it isn’t in violation of county policy. The next matter addressed working from home. Doug Hall noted if he asks the employee to complete a task at 8:00 at night she does it. Ed Michael commented that when the employee goes on vacation she works on payroll and invoicing with a laptop. Doug thinks working from home at times is more efficient instead of employee working in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Troy Gaither moved, and George Dallaire seconded, to allow the GCAS Director to run the department as he sees fit, so long as he follows the county guidelines. The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, Ron Lehman moved, and George Dallaire seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2024.



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Edward L. Michael, President