



Effingham County Board  
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December 10, 2024 3:30 P.M.  
**Ambulance Oversight Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Sandi Rich, Jeremy Deters, Brant Yochum, Ron Will, Deb Murbarger  
Absent: Tina Daniels, Rick Manford  
Others Present: Wayne Woods (RuralMed), Travis Buhnerkempe

**Minutes**

- Approval of October 8, 2024 minutes. J. Deters motioned/D. Murbarger seconded. Unanimous.  
*Motion carried.*

**Public Comments**

- None

**Dispatch Report/Mutual Aid Report**

- RuralMed shared reporting for months of October and November.
  - October report of 499 total requests for ambulance; 411 911 requests; 52 private line requests; 126 refusals; 21 cancelled in route; 3 mutual aids given; 2 mutual aids received; 10 standbys.
  - November report of 560 total requests for ambulance; 402 911-requests; 56 private line requests; 101 refusals; 14 cancelled in route; 4 mutual aids given; 1 mutual aid received; 4 standbys.

**Recruitment (training, certifications)**

- RuralMed reported renewed credential for one employee November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Rural Med reported one new hire in November

**Quality Compliance**

- RuralMed report showed October chute time average 1 minute 32 seconds; response time average 7 minutes 21 seconds; scene time average 18 minutes 13 seconds
- RuralMed report showed November chute time average 1 minute 21 seconds; response time average 7 minutes 15 seconds; scene time average 18 minutes 29 seconds.

### **Commendations/Complaints**

- RuralMed reported no official complaints for October or November.

### **Discuss and Vote on 12-Month Extension of Contract to RuralMed**

- S. Rich briefed committee of current contract with allowable renewal after 3 years for a subsequent 12 months followed by another renewal of 12 months before the need to seek bids.
- D. Murgarger shared her approval of RuralMed stating no contract violations.
- S. Rich shared appreciation of the open communication RuralMed has fostered.
- J. Deters stated only minor issues have been identified of which were simple communication issues that have been addressed.
- RuralMed confirmed interest in extension of contract.
- J. Deters motioned renewal of contract with RuralMed for a 12-month term to the full board. R. Will seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

### **General Information**

- RuralMed reported Community Engagement with Halloween Parade in October.
- RuralMed reported scheduled for standby at Light-up Parade in December.

### **Committee Member Comments**

- S. Rich requested ideas from committee for additions to comprehensive plan for City of Effingham in regards to emergency EMS services.
  - B. Yochum inquired if RuralMed is part of Community Medics. W. Woods with RuralMed stated currently not part of program, but interested in joining once funding has been deciphered.
  - Discussion of other community programs possibly involving emergency EMS services.
- S. Rich stated Ordinance is outdated and recommended committee members review. S. Rich to update and present at next meeting.
  - D. Murbarger recommended using basis of provider agreement for framework of ordinance.

### **Closed Session**

### **Adjournment**

- J. Deters motioned/R. Will seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Minutes Submitted by Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator