

**Stone County Emergency Services**

**105 Stonebridge Pkwy**

**Branson West Mo 65737**

Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2025

5:30pm

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Cupp at 5:30pm

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Michael Cupp, Brad Harrison, Carrie Stephens, Ron Thomas, Dr. Larry Huffman

Staff Present: Keith Kinnard, Jen Fox, Christine Kessler, Kirk Ballard, Dani Givens

Others Present: Alicia Stults, Kira May, Michele Dean

**102-Agenda**

A motion to approve the July 24, 2025 agenda was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All Members present approved and motion was passed.

**103- Open/ Closed Session Minutes**

A motion to approve the open/ closed session minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2025 was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Dr. Larry Huffman.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

### **104/105- Treasurer Report/ Approval to Pay Bills**

Keith advised that as of last week, the governor signed a lot of bills. One of those bills has to do with use tax. For the past 25 years, the county has been receiving some money that should have been directed to emergency services. In August, our attorney is going to try to get the money to be extracted directly from the Department of Revenue instead of the money going to county and the county reimbursing us after they receive the funds. The amount for Stone County is approximately \$400,000 each year.

A motion to approve the payment of July 2025 bills was made by Ron Thomas and seconded by Carrie Stephens.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

### **106-Checks Written throughout the month**

A motion to approve the payment of checks written between June 26, 2025 to July 24, 2025 Board Meetings was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Brad Harrison.

All members present approved and motion was passed.

### **Members of the Public**

Michele Dean from Christian Action Industries provided information about the services they provide to Stone and Taney County. She stated that Stone County is one of the more under resourced counties in the state and they are looking to provide a true pantry location to provide the community connections to resources which would be a larger service than what is already being provided in the county. She is looking for a partnership with Stone County Emergency Services if we purchased the old Gibson Technical Center building. She advised that if this did not happen, they would continue serving in the way they are currently serving.

### **200- Old Business**

### **300- New Business**

### **301 – Lawsuit Update**

Keith stated that the lawsuit with Altec is still ongoing. He said there are more entities in the circuit problem than they originally knew about including Barry County, Christian County, Ava Police Department, Ozark Fire Department, and more. They may have found another solution to get fiber into the building by possibly using Starlink as the failover and using Brightspeed fiber with the Lumen circuit. He is still trying to get Altec to hand over the diagrams, one of which was provided to Christian County, but not our county. As of the current status, the judge stated that Altec can not turn anything off.

### **302 – Building Offer**

The Gibson Technical Center building has its potential but it also has older technology that we would need to bring up to current. This is estimated at \$1.75 to \$2.5 million to bring to the standards that we would need. This would be a great opportunity for multiple entities including ourselves, but having Stone County Emergency Services as a landlord would be a lot of responsibility for a small entity. The board stated this would be a lot for the director to direct both the 911 center and the building and there are a lot of possibilities, but it is an old building. They stated there is also the issue of finding more issues when renovating. The board decided to look at a different location, build a new building from the ground up, or add on to our current building would all be better options.

A motion to not make an offer on the Gibson Technical Center building was made by Brad Harrison and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All members present approved and the motion was passed.

### **400- Closed Session**

A motion to go into closed session at 6:35pm was made by Dr. Larry Huffman and seconded by Carrie Stephens.

All members present approved and the motion was passed.

### **Return to Regular Session**

A motion to return to regular session at 7:10pm was made by Carrie Stephens and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All members present approved and motion was passed,

## **500- Directors Report**

- 2 in training right now, will probably wait until one is near getting out to have another
- FMLA – one dispatcher had a baby
- Jen has been keeping the schedule moving
- Will now look for vacant land to move forward with building project
- Still holding the money until the ESINET is done. The attorney is in agreement to hold the money until the service has been completed to provide the state proof of payment
- Had to clean out drip stuff out of AC. Having AC issues in the supply room and cleaned out the pipes. Going to clean them out then have someone come out to service them
- Both vehicles went down in one week, one had a critter chew through a wire and the other had a battery replaced
- Looking at AI taking some of the admin calls
- Looking at schedules to go see the CAD we are considering in person
- Dani spoke on the current status of the GIS – successful testing and should have more reliable routing, state requires a 30-day window between uploads and the last one was on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Trying to find a way to push through to go live
- Waiting for 98% completion on GIS and ESINET – hopefully by next board meeting
- Christine got her SHRM-CP

## **600- Comments from the Floor**

## **700- Announcement of Next Board Meeting**

August 28, 2025 at 5:30pm

Announcement made by: Michael Cupp

## **800- Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn at 7:41pm was made by Dr. Larry Huffman and seconded by Ron Thomas.

All members present approved and the motion passed.