Ambulance Advisory Committee Meeting
(AAC)
February 23, 2015

Call to Order
The Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Cassidy. Present were: Larry Cassidy, Les Atchison, Dennis Keiser, Randy Bricker, Sr., Louis Fantini, William Marvin and Shawn Wonnacott.

Roll Call
Also in attendance was Larry Hansen, Emmet County EMS Director; Dr. Thomas Charlton, Medical Control Authority Director; Toni Cone, Recording Secretary.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Fantini and seconded by Bricker to approve the minutes from the Ambulance Advisory’s January 26, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Communications
Dr. Charlton addressed the AAC and gave an update from the Medical Control Authority. From the Medical Control Authority point of view everything went smoothly with the transition to the county-run EMS system. There has been a lot of support from the administration of the EMS department to get education rolled out. There will be an MCA-wide cardiac arrest initiative and task force started soon. A federal grant was obtained for training for high performance CPR. Transfers have been also going well.

EMS Run Data
Hansen presented run information year-to-date through February 19, 2015. Attachment #1

Radio Purchase
There was discussion regarding radio needs for the EMS department. The request was made to obtain the radios that Allied EMS has that were purchased through a FEMA grant. The grant paid for 80% and we would reimburse Allied the 20% that they paid for the radios. Included are: 5 handheld radios, 5 mobile radios and 1 dual band radio. The total cost was $30,510 and the county portion would be $7,322.63, plus installation charges. The radios would be back up on transfers, in rural areas and in the case of large emergency events.

Motion made by Bricker and seconded by Atchison to recommend to the Emmet County Board of Commissioners that the EMS department purchase radios from Allied EMS. (up to $7,332.63).

Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities Update
Wonnacott gave an update on the status of the M-119 Ambulance facilities. Heat and roof will be on soon and inside work will begin.
Atchison gave an update on the medical first responders work group. 

*Attachment#2*

A meeting will be scheduled with the medical first responder agencies in order to determine who is willing to expand and who is willing to start service in order to cover the entire county.

The county subscription program is being developed. It was noted that some residents may be on the border between Cheboygan and Emmet counties. Would those individuals need to have both memberships? EMS Director, Larry Hansen, noted that in the past the two agencies would honor each other’s subscription plans.

*Motion made by Bricker and seconded by Fantini to recommend to the Emmet County Board of Commissioners that the EMS Department waive the copay and deductibles not covered by insurance for veterans as a thank you for serving our country.*

*Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.*

*Motion made by Atchison and seconded by Marvin to recommend that the Emmet County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed fee schedule for ECEMS classes/training. Attachment #3*  

*Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.*

There was further discussion regarding the properties that are under agreement in Petoskey and Mackinaw City.

Emmet County resident, Jim Fisher commented that he was concerned about the ambulance staff using cell phones and driving.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.