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

Roll Call

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda
The agenda for the meeting was presented; there were no changes or additions.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the July 29, 2013 Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting minutes was made by Keiser and supported by Wonnacott. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Communications
There were no communications.

Service Provider Reporting
Allied EMS Systems, Inc. presented their report for July 2013. Attachment #1

Mackinaw City presented their July 2013 Report. Attachment #2

Commissioner Atchison presented a report on behalf of the equipment and first responder work group. Attachment #3

Equipment and First Responder Work Group
The work group met with Dr. Olson from North Central Michigan College and discussed options for continuing education for first responder volunteers and possibly making this a county-subsidized service. There was discussion about the qualifications to get an agency first responder certified. Dr. Charlton discussed the requirements of the Medical Control Authority and the State of Michigan.

Committee member William Marvin asked if it was known how much any of the municipalities receive from fund-raising. The amount was not known.

Marty Krupa will work with the county Equalization Department to find out the amounts that the townships and local municipalities are receiving from locally levied taxes. Some township taxpayers are already paying for ambulance/emergency service through local taxes and the AAC would like to address how this will impact them. The work group will also schedule a meeting to discuss the first responder issue with the local fire chiefs.

Commissioner Wonnacott presented on behalf of the facilities work group. He met with Adam Smith, Mackinaw City Manger, and discussed possible building locations in Mackinaw City. Attachment #4
Renderings of possible building designs were presented. The largest facility would be in the M-119 corridor as a main location where Allied EMS would be housed. This facility would include eight bays for ambulances; their current location has five bays. The other locations would be in the Village Mackinaw City, in or south of the City of Petoskey and possibly a shared northern location in the Pellston area. This work group will meet with Dan Ralley, City Manager of Petoskey to discuss the Petoskey location. Options in or near Pellston were discussed including on or near the Pellston Regional Airport property.

A facility built in Pellston, designed for shared coverage, could be serviced with an E-car, however first responders could not use the E-car.

Next month the work group will come back with preliminary costs for the AAC to consider.

Karla Buckmaster, audience member, asked the committee to please let the taxpayers know what the long-term cost commitment will be for the various facilities (maintenance, insurance, etc.), in addition to the up front cost of construction. Lyn Johnson, County Controller noted that insurance costs would be negligible, as the county has a blanket policy for all of its buildings.

There was discussion among the committee members that if the county owned the buildings the providers would be saving a great deal of money and the county may possibly want to lease back to the providers.

Commissioner Cassidy discussed the operational/millage work group’s findings and noted that their discussions were preliminary. Sometime in May 2014 would be the deadline to get a millage on the ballot for the August 2014 Primary. Prior to that the AAC will have to make their recommendation to the full Board of Commissioners to vote on.

It was remarked upon that the AAC will have to come up with a recommendation on how all of the different costs and relationships will be clearly delineated.

There was no public comment.

The next Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 30th, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners room, 200 Division Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.